

# POLICE TO CHARGE FOWLER

**Habeas Corpus Brought by Prisoner Compels Action**

**Court Will Hear the Demand for His Release Tomorrow**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Vernon Fowler, the suspect under arrest in connection with the murder of William Fawcett by one of three burglars in the home of George Neal, last Friday night, will be charged with murder before tomorrow morning, according to Captain of Detectives Patrick Shea.

This move on the part of the police comes as the result of the granting by Superior Judge Lawlor of a writ of habeas corpus returnable tomorrow morning. Application for a writ was made at noon by Captain George E. Price, an attorney-at-law, who filed an affidavit showing that Fowler was being restrained of his liberty. This forces the hands of the investigating detectives. Fowler is in custody and the police are compelled either to charge him or to release him, for he would regain his liberty on habeas corpus tomorrow if he were not booked. When informed of the issuance of the writ, Captain Shea said:

"We have sufficient evidence at least to place a charge against Fowler. We have no intention of letting him go at liberty. You can see that he is a man who will be charged with murder before tomorrow morning."

The police aside from again putting Fowler on the grill today have obtained no evidence against him up to noon.

**Collins Reconciled to Wife in Business**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The marital difficulties of Mrs. Ella G. Collins, former wife of Frank G. Thompson, millionaire and clubman, and her present husband, John T. Collins, whom she sued for divorce a short time ago, have been smoothed over and today an application for dismissal of the action was filed.

The Collins have been reconciled for two months. It was learned this morning through the wife's attorneys, Mastick & Partridge.

Mrs. Collins was given a large monetary settlement at the time of her divorce from Thompson and she has recently invested in the moving picture business. She has an office on Market street and her husband is now associated with her.

Her suit for divorce against Thompson was filed May 20, 1913. The charged the capitalist with mental cruelty and paying attention to other women.

**Woman Drowns Despite Brave Efforts of Escort**

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Hannah Davis of Pittsburg, Pa., was drowned in the Feather river at Rio Bonita, six miles from here, yesterday afternoon when a boat in which she and H. Bennett, a rancher of Rio Bonita, were rowing capsized. He tipped the boat over in reaching for Mrs. Davis' hat which had been knocked off by the branches of a tree.

Bennett struggled in the water for more than half an hour to save Mrs. Davis. He reached the shore and pulled her out, but each time the eddies overtook him. Despairing of saving her, Bennett struck out for shore with the woman's dress in his hand. He carried her a mile before he could reach an overhanging branch. Too weak to get Mrs. Davis to shore, Bennett tied her to the branch until he regained strength. When he finally brought her to shore she was dead.

**Priceless Treasures Destroyed by Fire**

LONDON, Dec. 23, 3:55 p. m.—A fire which started here from Uxas, Mongolia, relates that the interior of the palace of the Kutuktu, or the Dalai Lama of the thirteenth century, which has been entirely destroyed by fire. The loss entailed is said to be enormous.

The wealth of the Kutuktu, derived from the contributions of Buddhist devotees, is reported to be very great. In and about Uxas he owns 150,000 slaves, an abundance of worldly goods, and the most pretentious palace in Mongolia.

**Separated 47 Years; Married Former Wife**

WANSLEY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Married in 1867, divorced in 1887, and re-married today to his former wife, is the matrimonial record of Abraham J. Randall, 51 years old. After the ceremony the wife of his youth, now 70, took him to his home where he has lived for ten years. Since their separation forty-seven years ago the bridegroom had lived seventeen years in the Rockies, a collector of geological specimens, and sometimes in Georgetown, Colo., where he was a school teacher. The bride after the divorce was married to William Scott, who died several years ago.

**Salvage Ship Sails to Aid of Malakka**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The salvage steamship *Isala* sailed from here today under orders from the Board of marine underwriters, to the aid of the motor ship *Malakka*, ashore on Cedros island, 300 miles south of San Diego. Vessel and cargo are valued at more than \$1,000,000.

**Sacerdotal Rite of Manchu Dynasts Is Assumed by Yuan**

PEKING, China, Dec. 23.—President Yuan Shih Kai at sunrise today appeared before the Altar of Heaven in the Chinese city and revived the worship of Heaven at the winter solstice, an observance neglected since the passing of the Manchu dynasty in 1911.

In this the president of the republic took upon himself a function and rite which in the past always has been reserved to the Emperor of China in his capacity of "Tientsin," or Son of Heaven.

The president today worshipped at the famous circular altar, the most important of all Chinese religious structures. It is located in a sacred park, three miles from the palace of the emperors, and is surrounded by sacred buildings. This altar formerly was regarded in China as the center of the universe.

**PRESIDENT OF MEXICO QUILTS**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 23.—That Provisional President Emilio Guiterrez had quit Mexico City, due to differences between him and Felipe Angeles and followers of Zapata was reported today to T. R. Beltrami, local constitutional correspondent. The message said the capital was governed by a committee composed equally of Villa and Zapata adherents and that another provisional president would be selected January 10.

**PLANTATION SEIZED**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—An official dispatch to the State Department today from Vera Cruz said Carranza forces had taken possession of an American plantation at Mont Blanco, near Cordoba. Representations have been made for the recovery of the property.

A report from Ensenada says Colonel Centu, with 350 soldiers, has arrived there and is conducting the local government in the interest of Villa.

**FIRST PEACE MOVE**

NACU, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, completed today the first move in the negotiations for peace on the Mexican border. He conferred with General Benjamin Hill, the Carranza defender of Naco, Sonora, and said that "it was a very satisfactory interview."

A conference with Maytorena is now being arranged by General Scott. Prior to the conference Hill reported that 125 of Maytorena's Yaquis threw down their arms and crossed to the American side early today at a point two miles west of here.

Rain, which has fallen since early Saturday, ceased today. The river formed by the wash from the army camp which yesterday isolated General Scott and caused the postponement of the conference with Hill, receded last night.

Two army mules were drowned in the water course yesterday while attempting to ford it. An effort will be made today by General Scott to arrange an appointment for a meeting at the border four miles east of here Monday was not kept by Maytorena because the ground separating his camp from the border was impassable.

Light firing by both the Hill and Maytorena forces was carried on late last night and early today. An occasional bullet crossed to the American side.

**U. S. Troops to Leave Colorado Strike Zone**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Arrangements for beginning the withdrawal of Federal troops from the Colorado strike districts within the next ten days were made today at a conference between President Wilson, Governor Armons of Colorado, Governor-elect Carlson and Senator Garrison.

After seeing the President the Colorado officials discussed details with Secretary Garrison.

Governor Armons told the President that if the plan of withdrawing the troops from one district at a time were carried out, he would be able to control the situation with local officials. He said he could use the militia if necessary, but desired to avoid further expense to the state. He declared there was every prospect of peace if the local authorities were given an opportunity to gain control of the situation gradually. He told the President he would leave for Colorado tomorrow and was willing that the first troops be withdrawn as soon as he arrives.

**Congress Adjourns Until December 29**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Both Houses of Congress adjourned today until December 29 for a Christmas holiday recess.

**London Stock Exchange Will Reopen January 4**

LONDON, Dec. 23, 7:30 p. m.—It was officially announced this evening that the London Stock Exchange will re-open January 4.

# MERCY IS SHOWN BOY SLAYERS

**Widow of Millionaire Alexander Confronts Murderers**

**Accused Prisoners to Be Given a Speedy Trial**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—"May God have mercy on you and help you both," so said Mrs. Cora Alexander, widow of William Montrose Alexander, today when, after the coroner's inquest held on her husband's body, she came face to face in a corridor with the eighteen-year-old youth held as his murderer. The lad, Charles Oxman, eighteen-year-old son of a local minister, quailed under the woman's glance. He was rushed to a cell to await further proceedings in the murder charge lodged against him.

William Montrose Alexander, retired millionaire lawyer, was killed yesterday after young Oxman and Glenn Witt, a companion, forced entrance to the home, in an attempt at burglary and the owner attempted to apprehend them. Through the hearing today the widow sat watching the two youths who, manacled together, sat awaiting the judgment of the coroner's inquest.

Oxman was shot in the right leg by Mrs. Alexander's son in the fight which resulted in the murder. Brought face to face with the woman, he tried to smile, but his face worked spasmodically. Witt, who is 25 years old, and who the younger man says planned the attempt at robbery, grinned during the proceedings.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was rendered following testimony by Mrs. Alexander, her son, William Alexander, who was wounded slightly in the right side by one of Oxman's bullets, and by her two daughters, Penelope and Anna Louise, who fiercely fought the two burglars with hair brushes and inflicted wounds on the head which caused them to spend some time in the police emergency hospital yesterday after they were captured.

The murder of Alexander was the climax of a long series of robberies during the last few weeks in the fashionable Wilshire district, and a movement was started today to obtain a material increase in the police force.

**Americans May Send Relief to Jerusalem**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Great Britain has consented to the proposal to send relief to Jerusalem. Turkey has approved and word now is being received from France.

The cruiser *Tennessee* reported her arrival today at Jaffa, but made no mention of riding or ill-treatment of Jews by Turks.

The overflow of the Djile in Arabia has made 12,000 persons homeless and without food. According to a message to the State Department today from Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople, who asked that the information be conveyed to the Red Cross and the American Jewish Committee in New York. Morgenthau said local assistance in Baghdad was entirely insufficient to meet the demand of a starving, shelterless population there.

**Conspiracy Against Steamer Long Known**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The existence of an alleged conspiracy in New Orleans to blow up a French or English passenger ship on the sea by placing an infernal machine in her cargo before she sailed from New York was known to day to Paul Faquet, general agent of the French line according to an announcement made here today. A small army of detectives was employed to frustrate the scheme, every bit of baggage and cargo going into the French line ship *Roumanche* was closely examined, and the proper authorities, Faquet said, were promptly notified. It was believed here that this revelation was what resulted in the arrest of four men in New Orleans last night.

**G. H. Belden Must Pay \$35,000 as Alimony**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Greta M. Belden, a Los Angeles society matron, and wife of George H. Belden, wealthy capitalist and official of the General Electric company, was granted a divorce by Judge Treadwell today and awarded \$35,000 in alimony.

The court held that Belden had been guilty of leaving an affinity in the person of Mrs. Belden, a maid, who had been had accompanied on a trip to Santa Barbara, representing at the Arlington Hotel, and raising the woman as his wife.

The divorce suit was strenuously fought by Belden.

**Alameda Principal to Wed Instructor**

ALAMEDA, Dec. 23.—Immediately after the close of the schools of Alameda this morning, came the announcement of the marriage of the principal of the Alameda High School, and Miss Edna Portwin, an instructor in the history department of that institution.

They expect to be married next spring. The engagement was first announced in the *Alameda* high school, where they had been associated for a number of years.

# U. S. RAZES WIRELESS OF BRITISH STEAMER

**Russians Advance Toward Cracow**

**IMPORTANT BATTLE BEGINS**

Czar's Forces Move on Great Stronghold of Galicia

**Troops March on City From North and West**

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 23, 5:25 p. m.—Large bodies of Russian troops are moving toward Cracow, the Galician stronghold, from the north and west.

An important battle apparently is developing in Southwest Poland, near Cracow.

**GERMANS ATTACK**

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—(By wireless) Telegram to London, 7:45 p. m.—A report from the German army headquarters in the field states that a German attack has been made in the eastern war arena, but whether the operations were directed against the Russian rear or main line is not stated.

"The situation in Galicia," the report says, "has cleared. The Russians are holding the east bank of the Dniester river to Tuchow (a town just south of Tarnow). Another Russian line extends to the southeast of Krosno on the railroad between Jasto and Sank. Heavy fighting is going on at both Tuchow and Krosno and also at Bupkow Pass."

**BATTLE ALONG WIDE FRONT**

LONDON, Dec. 23, 12 noon.—The 50-mile front in Russian Poland to the west of Warsaw, where the Germans and Russians are at grips on the banks of the Bzura, Rawka and Pilica rivers continues to be the scene of the most desperate fighting in either the eastern or western arena of the war.

When the weather conditions under which the troops are fighting are recalled, the sufferings of the men in the trenches may to some extent be appreciated. The country is experiencing the full force of winter. Each side has sustained tremendous losses in this battle of the rivers, and although the Germans claim to have forced the Russian line at a number of points, it is nevertheless a fact, according to reports reaching London, that the Russian front has been straightened, but it is difficult to visualize which commander has the strategic advantage.

Again there comes trickling through from Holland reports of vast movements of German forces from the east and west. A dispatch reaching here from Amsterdam says that thousands of German troops have passed through Aix 23 Chapelle toward Northern France.

**MAY RENEW OFFENSIVE**

This activity may be the forerunner of a renewed German offensive in the western arena, under the eyes of Emperor William, or it may be simply intended to offset reinforcements Great Britain has been throwing lately into the French field of hostilities. As the situation appears to stand today, the allies in France and Belgium continue more on the offensive than defensive, and every day shows slight gains to their credit.

It is believed that notwithstanding the failure of the plan for an amphibious attack on Christmas day itself, Christmas sentiment is deep in the men's hearts.

The London newspapers have decided unanimously not to publish the details of the plan and the official French will suspend all activities from the afternoon of December 23 until the evening of December 25.

Thousands of tons of Christmas presents have been sent to all the fronts. The distribution and enjoyment of these gifts is another argument for the probable suspension of hostilities wherever this is possible.

**FLUE CAUSES FIRE**

Fire caused by a defective flue in the home of J. Lumberstein, 686 Sixth street, was put out with difficulty by the fire department last evening. The property is owned by N. Rothenberg. The damage is estimated at \$1000.

**PRESIDENT TO BE SANTA CLAUS AT WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Wilson will play Santa Claus Christmas day for his small grandniece, Annie Cothran, who will spend the holidays at the White House with her mother and grandmother, Mrs. Anne Howe, the President's sister. A large Christmas tree was delivered today at the White House.

The President, with his three daughters, Mrs. F. B. Sayre, Mrs. W. G. McKee and Miss Margaret Wilson, and other relatives, plans to go to church Christmas morning, to take an automobile ride in the afternoon and take dinner at the White House in the evening.

**Carpenters this morning erected the great platform before the city hall from which on Christmas Eve the great Oakland chorus will render the hymns and carols of Yuletide, in the big celebration planned by the Oakland city administration and commercial organizations.**

**Special Program Is Arranged for Yuletide Services**

Electricians, under the direction of City Electrician George Babcock, completed the work on the "Christmas tree" today by E. S. Sturges, secretary of the City Hall Association, who desires by a great star worked in white electric bulbs. Before this novel electrical display the big choir will sing.

**MAKE NIGHT INTO DAY.**

Every window in the city hall will be alight, and the windows of all buildings surrounding the structure, the plan being to make the streets as bright as day. The great Christmas chorus will face the east, toward the big electrical star that will glow from the center of the tree. The streets will be cleared on each side for the crowds that will enjoy the unique celebration.

While preparations were being completed for the Christmas Eve concert which will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, committees of the Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Club have been busy outlining plans for the celebration of New Year's Eve. A new plan was suggested today by E. S. Sturges, secretary of the Downtown Association, who desires a "hammer-burning" ceremony, which, as a feature of the big street carnival, a huge hammer will be hurled at a bonfire, with the pledge of the plan is under consideration. The New Year's Eve celebration will be in the nature of a street carnival, and red fire, confetti, streamers, bands and street dancing and noise will usher in the exposition year.

**ELABORATE PROGRAM.**

Christmas will see a number of important celebrations aside the great Christmas affair at the City Hall Park. At the Hotel Oakland

**ROLPH VICTOR IN FIRE ROW**

When Superior Judge Sewell returned from luncheon shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon he refused to grant an alternative writ of prohibition restraining the mayor from trying the fire commission. Attorneys Stafford and Keogh met the judge in the hallway. He stated that he had had similar cases before and had decided that the charter gave the mayor jurisdiction. He added, however, that after the trial, a court proceeding might be proper in the event that the commissioners were injured.

The fire commissioners face trial before Mayor Rolph today on evidence furnished by themselves. Rolph, who set the trial for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, issued a summons this morning for Secretary Frank Kennedy, who is the one who is to bring with him all of the minutes and documents of the board which relate in any way to the dismissal of Fire Chief Thomas Murphy and the reappointment of former Chief Patrick Shaughnessy. The order calls for the certified copies of the resolutions dismissing Murphy and appointing Shaughnessy, as well as the subsequent actions of the board.

"No witnesses necessary," declared Mayor Rolph this morning. "I will sit under the seal of the commission acted legally or illegally. This can be demonstrated by documentary proof. I have sent for all of the papers in the case."

**LONG'S OPINION.**

Looming up large in the evidence will be the eleven-page opinion of City Attorney Percy Long, to the effect that Murphy was illegally removed and that he is now the defacto chief.

It is confidently expected that the commissioners will be removed from office. Attorneys Harry Stafford and Thomas Keogh, who have been looking out for the interests of the board, said this morning that they would go to court immediately following such action on the part of the mayor. A long consultation was held this morning by Stafford and Keogh to determine whether they would endeavor to prevent today's trial. It was first proposed to go before Judge Sewell in the Superior Court and

**France Votes Big War Appropriation**

PARIS, Dec. 23, 2:24 p. m.—The Chamber of Deputies voted unanimously today an appropriation of 450,000,000 francs (\$175,000,000) to cover the expenses of the next six months, including the cost of the war.

Today's sitting of Parliament was less emotional and more businesslike than the previous session yesterday. In the Chamber of Deputies almost all of the members were present and they cast their votes with little discussion and without a murmur of dissent. Although the voting urns were passed around, their use was unnecessary, since all parties were of a single mind concerning the necessity of providing the government with the means of carrying on the war. Votes were cast by 551 deputies of the total membership of 567. The session lasted approximately an hour.

It was announced that General Joffre had granted a further leave of the deputies serving with the army who will not be required to rejoin the ranks until three days after the termination of the usual January session.

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Code Messages Sent by Radio Plant From Zone

**Governor Goethals Arrives in N. Y.; Asks for Warships**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Crenshaw, naval radio officer at the Panama canal zone, cabled the navy department today that the wireless of the British steamer *Protestant*, in Balboa harbor, was dismantled by canal zone police December 10, after it was found she had been sending code messages.

The cruiser *Tacoma* is at Cristobal to enforce neutrality and the navy department still has under consideration the possibility of dispatching another vessel to the canal zone.

A recent British statement to the navy department said Governor Goethals had said in a written communication that he had been misinformed when he charged that a British collier was using its radio outfit contrary to neutrality. Officials here now assume that the governor had referred to another British ship, which also figured in the official dispatches as having violated the canal rules by leaving Balboa without clearance papers, and that that vessel had been confounded with the *Protestant*. The unnamed collier had no wireless apparatus.

The *Protestant* is a British merchant steamer of 6113 tons, which, under charter of the British government, sailed from Colon, B. C., in November for Balboa, Panama canal zone. It was assumed she carried coal and supplies for British naval vessels.

**GOETHALS ASKS WARSHIPS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The request by Colonel Geo. W. Goethals, governor of the Canal Zone, for the dispatch of American warships to the canal to preserve the neutrality of the United States was suggested by naval officers in charge of wireless plants and naval affairs in the zone; was forwarded to Washington as a matter of form by Colonel Goethals, acting in his capacity as governor of the Canal Zone, and the incident is ended so far as the Canal

# COMMISSION IS ON TRIAL TODAY

## Mayor Ralph Sits as Judge in the Case He Brought.

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ask for an alternative writ of prohibition to restrain Mayor Ralph from proceeding with the hearing. After the commissioners themselves had been consulted on the matter they determined that it would be best to allow the mayor to proceed and to do their battling in the court at the conclusion of the trial.

At the eleventh hour, however, the attorneys for the board of fire commissioners decided to endeavor to prevent the trial by Mayor Ralph and at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon an application for an alternative writ of prohibition was made to Presiding Judge George Sturtevant. He assigned the case to Superior Judge Seawell. The latter was found by Attorneys Stafford and Keogh as he was descending in the elevator in the city hall, but declined to return to his courtroom.

"I will see you gentlemen at 1:30 o'clock," he said.

Meanwhile Mayor Ralph's private office was prepared for the hearing scheduled for 2 p. m. and a large number of chairs were brought in.

### COMMISSIONERS ANSWER.

Answering the charge that they violated the law in discharging Fire Chief Murphy, the fire commissioners yesterday afternoon were prepared for the hearing scheduled for 2 p. m. and a large number of chairs were brought in.

The statement was made in the public press yesterday that Harry L. Stafford, who yesterday was associated with the fire commissioners with Thomas A. Keogh as attorney for the commissioners, to the effect that the people would learn the truth about the removal of Fire Chief Murphy at the last moment. According to the press, James Ralph Jr. has denied this statement.

The charter of San Francisco does not provide for a trial for the removal of Thomas R. Murphy as chief. We acted upon advice given us by disinterested and competent attorneys. We were not in anywise bound to follow the opinion of the city attorney, and if we were, the example set us by James Ralph Jr., who said we were not bound to follow the opinion of the city attorney, should be an answer to any delinquency of which we may have made in this regard. When Fire Commissioner Hammer was placed on trial a short time ago, Percy V. Long, as city attorney, reported to Mayor Ralph and personally stated that the removal of Chief Murphy was correct, but the mayor utterly disregarded and ignored the opinion of the city attorney in this instance and removed Commissioner Hammer.

"We leave it to the people of San Francisco to say whether or not Fire Commissioners Brandenstein and Hammer were dismissed by James Ralph Jr. because they have not been dismissed by the city attorney," said Charles T. Spader, who was appointed a member of the fire commission by the city of San Francisco. "I am appointing you to the fire department in a deplorable condition and I want harmony in the department, and if you do not do so, get rid of Chief Murphy."

When A. J. Martin and Dr. C. E. Jones were appointed, both of them stated that they would not follow the opinion of the city attorney. Chief Murphy would be removed. The mayor stated to both that he was actively indifferent.

On September 18, 1914, Commissioners Spader, Martin and Dillon met in the mayor's office with Chief Murphy. Chief Murphy had, prior to this meeting, been to the mayor and had explained to him the reasons for his resignation. The mayor stated to the effect that the commissioners would not allow him to name the firemen to be assigned to the fire engine and the commissioners had determined to place men in the fire grounds through seniority of service and general fitness. This was the only reason for the removal of Chief Murphy.

"Chief Murphy refused to obey the commissioners and has ever since refused to obey them."

When Chief Murphy left the room the mayor stated to the commissioners: "My God, this man has put a bombshell under us all." A. J. Martin, for the commissioners, then stated that he believed that it was about time to get a new chief, and the mayor replied: "That responsibility rests with you gentlemen and anything you do in this regard, I will back you up."

The mayor has listed to and received in writing as his reasons for requesting the removal of Chief Murphy from Captain Conlon, Captain Wallin, Captain Brown, Captain Murphy, Chief Russell and a number of the other members of the fire department and he, the mayor, has on a number of occasions been publicly repudiated by the department in a deplorable condition as a result of the conduct and mismanagement of Chief Murphy.

ON LONG'S OPINION.

The charges against us are specious in the extreme, and are based entirely upon the opinion of Percy V. Long. The mayor has refused to accept in a number of other cases. The mayor at all times encouraged and led us to believe that he was with us and that we would be protected from making a full statement to the people of San Francisco.

TO REDUCE RATE.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 23.—The Reichbank Committee will meet Wednesday, December 23, to reduce the rate.

# DISMANTLE SHIP'S WIRELESS PLANT

## Canal Zone Police Seize Radio Outfit on British Steamer.

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Goethals said: "The naval officers in charge brought the matter to my attention and asked me, as governor, to request the President to send warships to the canal zone. I transmitted their request as a matter of form and there my responsibility ended. In recommending that the ships be sent I was governed by the recommendation made to me by the naval officer."

### WILL ASK APPROPRIATION.

Colonel Goethals expects to go to Washington after the Christmas holidays to ask Congress to appropriate \$100,000 for the construction of dry docks, barracks, machine shops and wharves in the canal zone. He intimated that he would have nothing further to say on the matter of dismantling the wireless plant on the British steamer unless he were asked to give his views. He said he expected to go to West Point first to see his son, who is a cadet at the military academy there. "I also want to ask for an additional dredge when I go to Washington," he said. "I fear that we will have to keep a dredge working on the canal steadily for a year or more. The hills at Culebra seem to be settling, and this is the cause of the frequent slides. We have been able, however, to get ships through the canal in much better time than we thought we could. For instance, we calculated on a half hour to each of the locks, but we find that a ship can be passed through all three locks in forty-five minutes."

Governor Goethals stated further that there were still 25,000 men on the government's payrolls in the Canal Zone.

# OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 23, 2:25 p. m.—The announcement given out by the French War Office this afternoon reports slight progress on the northern end of the allied line in France and Belgium. Fog caused a slackening of the fire in the Ardennes.

Advances are claimed near Perthes-Hurlus, where German machine guns were captured and progress, or the driving back of counter attacks, is reported near Beusejour. In the forest of La Grurie, near Bourneville, the Germans had been repulsed after a fresh attack on the military post at Namur, in the province of Angoulême, the minister stated, had only a small force at his disposal and retreated in order to obtain reinforcements with which to drive out the Germans.

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elaborate preparations have been made. The new-born dinner and Christmas tree celebration of an informal nature for Christmas Eve, when the little guests of the hotel will enjoy the evening, and an elaborate dinner and dance for Christmas night are on the schedule.

The Christmas night dinner and dance will be one of the most elaborate affairs ever given by the hotel. Reservations have been crowding in for several days, and society will turn out en masse for the occasion. A special orchestra has been engaged for the dancing, which will be informal in nature. The affair is modeled after the recent Thanksgiving dinner-dance, but is more elaborate.

The Merchants' Exchange will tender a Christmas dinner to the poor at the Salvation Army barracks, where tickets presented by the police, the Salvation Army and other charitable organizations are planning similar dinners.

The big 1915 Exposition Chorus will sing with the Christmas Choir at the City Hall celebration, and a number of well-known soloists will add in the program.

# Germans Again Invade Angola

By Associated Press.

LISBON, via Paris, Dec. 23, 6:35 p. m.—The Germans again have invaded Angola, Portuguese West Africa. The fact was announced in the Chamber of Deputies by the Secretary for Colonies, who said the Germans had made a fresh attack on the military post at Namur, in the province of Angoulême, the minister stated, had only a small force at his disposal and retreated in order to obtain reinforcements with which to drive out the Germans.

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# EXPERT TESTIFIES AGAINST BEACH

## Last of Indicted Men for the Election Frauds in Court.

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Testimony tending to show a similarity between the handwriting of F. S. Beach, who is on trial before Superior Judge Charles L. Gage, on a charge of election fraud and signatures on the roster of precinct No. 17 at the primary election was given by Milton Carlson, a handwriting expert, today. Carlson's testimony occupied the entire morning session and he will be the principal witness in the case against Beach, whose case is the last of the election fraud cases to come up for disposition. There are ten indictments against Beach. He has pleaded not guilty to forging the name of John P. Keating on the roster. Assistant Probation Officer L. D. Compton has commenced an investigation into the case of Beach, who was convicted of election fraud and who has asked to be placed on probation. Carlson, Charles L. Gage, who presided over the trial, is also being investigated by the police. Carlson's testimony was given in the courtroom. There are no other cases in the courtroom. There are no other cases in the courtroom.

Two years in San Quentin, who represented Beach, today attacked the testimony of Carlson, who is supplying his testimony against Beach. He claimed that only the exemplars written by the defendant which he himself had been used for photographic enlargements.

PUBLIC LOSER INTEREST.

Interest in the trial so far as the public is concerned is extremely slack, the large crowds that attended the Higgins trial giving away to a scattering of spectators in the courtroom. There are no "No Standing Room" signs hung outside the court doors.

District Attorney Hynes and Assistant District Attorney Koford are conducting the prosecution.

So far it has been shown that persons whose names appeared on the roster of voters did not vote themselves on election day. Keating, whose name is alleged to have been forged, has not been present to either affirm or deny that he voted. However, the signature on the roster and that on the affidavit of his registration are more evidence that forgery was committed in either one place or the other.

It is the testimony of the handwriting expert that is being used to show that the defendant has been guilty of forgery. The defendant's handwriting and that on the roster of voters.

Vessel Left to Meet Fate on Rocky Ledge

By Associated Press.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 23.—The Danish cargo ship Melakka with her 1,250 000 cargo is still fast on a rocky ledge on the northern end of Bird Rock on the northern end of the San Diego Islands. The Melakka has been left to her fate, for several days at least, as the Arizona, which stood by to lend her aid all night and part of yesterday, has proceeded down the coast. The captain of the Melakka has asked that a salvage steamer and an underwriter be sent to his aid at once. The only salvage steamer available is the Isola, now at Ventura, endeavoring to lift the steam schooner Coos Bay.

### Executors Account for Yerkes' Estate

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—An accounting in the estate of Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, was filed by the three executors in the Surrogate court yesterday, showing that they have received \$359,542. They have paid \$731,559.

It was disclosed that since the executors undertook the administration of the estate 36 claims totalling \$1,298,963 have been presented and have been settled for \$299,525. The only claims left unsettled are for two unpaid checks totalling \$1699. Expenses of administration have been \$65,435. Legacies have received \$219,771.

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Qts., \$1.35; pints, 70c

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## Stricken Blind While Watching County Safe

While watching the big safe in the county clerk's office in which the ballots of the general election repose pending the four election contests, which will be heard January 7, Louis Bacon of Alameda went suddenly blind in his left eye, and according to specialists today, his sight is permanently lost. Bacon has been guarding the safe since the election and is employed by a number of contestants, including Supervisor W. B. Bridge, J. H. Helmsman, Frank Mitchell and A. Frammer. It was while sitting in front of the safe watching the tickets get sealed that he suffered the attack. Bacon suddenly felt as if some one had placed a hand over his eye. After that he could not see out of the eye and he consulted a specialist, but with little encouragement.

## NEWLANDS TO DEFER HIS RIVER AND HARBOR PLAN

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Newlands gave notice in the Senate today that he would defer until next session of Congress his plan to coordinate river and harbor improvements into a single national scheme of work and development. He said, but unwilling to press it at this session.

## VICE-PRESIDENT AND WIFE IN ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall arrived here today to spend the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wines, at Scottsdale, a suburb. Governor Hunt met the Marshall party at the station.

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## DARING BURGLARS BETRAYED BY AUTO

Not Content With Family Plate  
They Try to Steal  
Car.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—After stripping the home of Paul Ernie Rink, prominent local consulting engineer, 625 Twenty-ninth avenue, of everything of value that it contained, while the family peacefully slumbered early this morning, a pair of daring burglars attempted to steal the Rink automobile, a wakened the owner and were forced to escape on foot. They took with them, however, jewelry of the value of \$1720 and a valuable oil painting. In the automobile which they had backed from the garage in the rear of the Rink home, they abandoned silverware and cash totaling about \$500, which they had packed in a sack.

It is presumed that the burglars, who may be two of the gang which entered the home of George Neal and murdered William F. Felt, made their entrance to the Rink home at about 12:30 o'clock. At that hour Rink was awakened by a strange noise, but as he heard nothing more, fell asleep again. The burglars acted with the precision of experts, passing noiselessly in and out of the rooms occupied by Rink and his wife, and by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Jane Cochran. They opened jewel cases, stealing watches, diamonds, brooches, pins and pendants.

Finding that they had not disturbed the occupants they descended to the parlor floor, where they took stock of the pictures in the Rink drawing room. Selecting an oil painting by Roda V. Peters, the marine artist, showing a scene of San Francisco bay with Sausalito in the distance, they decided that it was the most valuable of the collection, and it was hastily taken down. By their choice they proved themselves something of art connoisseurs.

### SILVERPLATE NEXT.

The next room visited was evidently the dining-room, where they helped themselves to all the silverplate and cutlery, placing also in their sack various which were in the hall and other rooms.

They had gained their entrance through the basement, using a pass key on the door and had they been content to leave with their loot, the burglary would probably not have been discovered until daylight. They determined, however, that the Rink family must be sound asleep as they had not been disturbed, and they evidently decided to take the automobile. It was the starting of the engine of the machine which roused Rink. He hurried downstairs, leaving his wife, who is ill, in her room. Both she and her mother-in-law, who were in the dining room, were startled by this evidently frightened burglar, who ran out of the garage just as Rink reached the kitchen door. One of them bolted a fence and the other escaped through the front yard. They had backed the automobile half way down the driveway and had placed the silver in the trunk.

"If I had only had a revolver I am sure I could have shot one or both of them," said Rink when interviewed later. "I should say it was 1:45 a. m. when I was awakened. The noise seemed to come from the garage and while I told my wife to be quiet, I hurried downstairs. The automobile was in the driveway and the men were in the garage. I had a good view of them and I hurriedly telephoned the police."

Rink is president of Paul Ernie Rink & Co., consulting engineers, in the Lick building.

### CONVICT RECAPTURED.

COODEN, Utah, Dec. 23.—After walking forty miles through a brush-covered country and after once eluding his pursuers, Frank Dyer, an escaped convict, was recaptured in a barn house, where he had asked for food and shelter, two miles from his starting point. Dyer escaped from a convict camp in Southern Utah Saturday night. He was taken back to the State penitentiary.

THAW REWARDS GUARD.  
BRACON, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Harry A. Thaw has sent from Manchester, N. H., to Howard Barnum, who was the policeman at Mattawan when Thaw escaped. He says he understood Barnum is the victim of prejudice through no fault of his own and he would like to assist him. Barnum lost his position when Thaw escaped.

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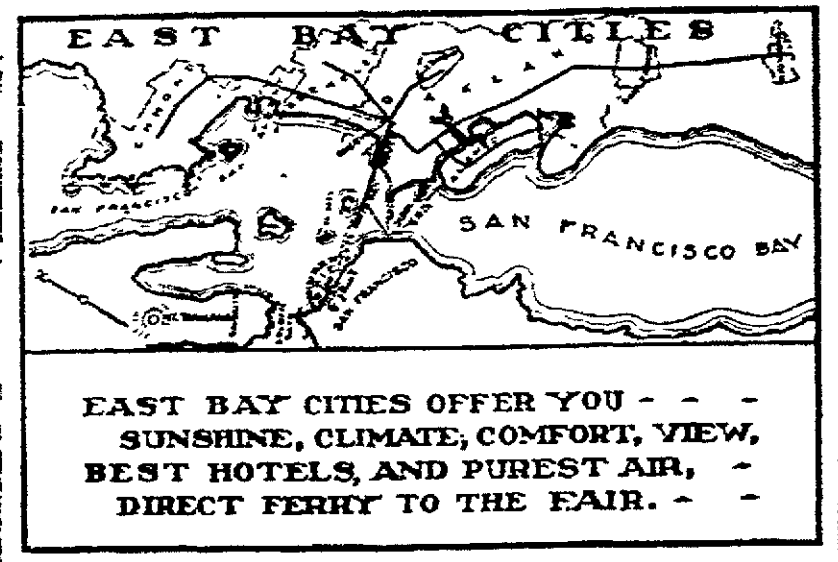
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The new slogan of the East Bay cities—the winning verse of the big Key System contest—is now spreading the glories of the East Bay region all over the world. Stickers to the number of 1,000,000 praising the cities on the eastern shore of the bay, containing a map showing Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, and the direct ferry to the Exposition, are being issued, these bearing under them the winning slogan.

The new slogan, chosen by judges composed of representative business men of the East Bay region, is as follows:

"East Bay Cities offer you  
Sunshine, climate, comfort, view,  
Best hotels, and purest air;  
Direct ferry to the Fair."

The new slogan will be used in all the literature of the Key System during the coming year and also by the Tourist Association, the Oakland Commercial organizations and other boosting bodies of this side of the bay.

### POLICE CHIEF EXPOSE BURGLAR TRIO SCHEME

The police have been informed of the operations of a trio of burglars who have planned a clever method of rickshaws in the residence portion of the city. Chief of Police Walter J. Petersen described the scheme used by the burglars and issued a warning today to householders to beware of it.

"The plan used is generally as follows," said Chief Petersen. "The burglars select a house with a 'for rent' sign in the window, which carries the instructions that inquiry shall be made for further particulars at some residence in the neighborhood, usually that of the owner, or his representative. One or two of the burglars go to this address and ask to be shown over the place. They explain that a woman knows more about a house than a man and ask that she accompany them. They suggest that as the place is just across the street and can be seen, it will not be necessary to lock up for the few minutes during which they will inspect the house. During this absence an accomplice enters the place and loots it."

"The trio have made several attempts in Oakland but so far has been unsuccessful in obtaining anything of value. I want to issue a warning, however, to forestall any success on their part."

### ELECTION NECESSARY TO TRADE CITY LAND

District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes yesterday informed the Board of Education that if they wished to trade lands at the Brookdale school, they would have to hold a special election, but that, in his opinion, the lands would have to be bought outright. The discussion of the trading or purchasing of lands is the outcome of a demand by the improvement clubs in that district that the city acquire and furnish enough land to enlarge and improve the school yard. Their proposal was to trade the land but Hynes is of the opinion that the purchasing of the land would be better.

### FAILS TO END OWN LIFE.

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Joseph Wagner, the Sacramento, Cal., youth who yesterday attempted suicide by taking poison after he had been arrested here for robbing his former employer, was still in a serious condition today, but physicians believed he would recover. Wagner is said to have confessed to robbing the Vienna bakery safe at Sacramento of \$1543.60 in cash and \$200 in jewelry.

### FIRST ARREST UNDER LAW.

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—The first arrest under the so-called anti-employment agency law adopted by the voters at the November election was made yesterday when Richard H. Wiseman, an employment agent, was arrested. He is charged with having collected a fee from a dairy hand for whom he obtained work. Wiseman was released under \$500 bail.

## BICYCLE BANDITS ROB AND ESCAPE

Lone Highwayman Is Also at  
Large: Police Spread  
Toils.

Two bicycle hold-up men began operations in Oakland last night and the police anticipate that they may have considerable trouble in capturing them. The two robbers held up R. E. Walsh, 1903 Castro street, shortly after 1 o'clock this morning on Twentieth street, between San Pablo and Telegraph avenues and stole \$2 and some small personal belongings from him. The men were armed with revolvers. Immediately after robbing Walsh they ran to two bicycles which they had concealed in doorways and rode away.

Two years ago the police had trouble with two thieves who worked in a similar manner. Holdup after holdup was successfully carried through and the men invariably escaped, as they were able to ride quickly and silently to another portion of the city, conceal their bicycles and so make their escape. The men were finally captured and sent to the penitentiary, but it was not until after a number of Oaklanders had been victimized by them.

Dan Sheehan was also held up last night at Fifty-fifth street and San Pablo avenue and robbed of \$11 in coin. The holdup occurred earlier in the evening but as only one man was seen by Sheehan it is not believed by the police that the robbery was committed by the bicycle duo. Sheehan ran to his home, 1054 Sixty-third street, before reporting to the police and the robber had escaped. Descriptions of the bicycle robbers and the highwayman who attacked Sheehan were given to all the patrolmen and search was made unsuccessfully through the city.

### CIGAR STAND RIFFED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The cigar stand of August Fernandez, 1034 Kearny street, was rifled by a burglar this morning and \$25 taken from the cash register.

### PHILIPPINE EXHIBIT FOR EXPOSITION HERE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Two thousand crates and cases of the Philippine exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which arrived on the steamer the Sherrin, were unloaded yesterday on the exposition grounds. A large part of the shipment, especially that section coming from the Moro districts, was placed in the Philippine building. The rest was divided between the palaces of education, agriculture and food products and elsewhere.

The section of the exhibit placed in the Philippine building consisted largely of rare Moro bronzes, rugs, wall hangings and fabrics.

Commissioners Guerrero and Liogsa will arrive from the orient on the Manchuria and reach Commissioners W. V. Barclay, who is already on the ground, will make their headquarters in the Philippine building.

The Philippine constabulary band of ninety pieces, the pride of the islands, will leave Manila January 8th on the Manchuria, which is due for the opening of the exposition. The band will give two concerts daily in the Philippine building and at other places about the grounds during the entire exposition period.

### SECOND SIGHT HELPS POLICE NAB BURGLAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Patrolman Michael Desmond, of the Harbor Station, does not claim to be a clairvoyant but to a certain extent he has been credited with the gift of second sight. He used it to good advantage late last night when he observed a man enter the Harbor Hotel with a hand satchel. There was nothing unusual in this but Desmond was suspicious and decided to take a look at the contents of the grip. It proved to be filled with apparel for the most part and the man, George Douglas, protested that they belonged to his wife. Later he said they were his sister's. He was taken to the Harbor station. A search revealed a camera and a mirror in his pocket. In the grip were two post cards bearing the name of Miss Florence Daly, 270 Sutter street. She was communicated with and discovered only after being informed by Desmond, that her grip was missing from the hallway of her home. She identified the contents and explained that a manicure set valued at \$3 was missing. Douglas was booked for burglary.

### JUDGE MUST FIND HIGH TIDE LINE TO END SUIT

In the suit of McDonald against Blake for \$15,000 over the right of way of the Richmond Wharf & Dock Company, Judge W. H. Waste will have to decide the situation of the high-tide line in Richmond.

In his complaint McDonald alleges that Blake owes him \$15,000 for the use of his wharf, over which he has hauled 250,000 tons of stone from the San Pablo Quarries Company. Blake contends that the portion of wharf over which he hauled extends beyond the government tide land.

He also bases his claim for utilizing this portion on the fact that the law provides the right of passage to property owners who are situated as he is in the uplands and wish to have a passage to deep water.

### LAWYER BULLOCK AND HIS WIFE ARE SUED

The divorce troubles of J. J. Bullock, former district attorney of San Mateo county and his wife Charlotte, were again brought to mind when the couple appeared in Justice Quinn's court to answer a suit by Joseph Pierotti & Sons and T. H. Clark for repairs on the B.L. car.

When the couple separated, the car was given out to be revamped by A. Vander Nallen a relative. When a short time afterward they were reconciled, they took the car, but according to the statement of the complainants, omitted to pay the bill.

The suit calls for \$70 which Pierotti claims is due him, and \$60.55, due to Clark. The Bullocks assert that they paid Clark the entire amount.

### POLITICAL DEADLOCK CONTINUES IN LISBON

By Associated Press.  
LISBON, Dec. 23.—The political deadlock continues. Premier Vitor Coutinho, despite his defeat in the senate, which decided to give him a vote of confidence, declares that he will remain in power so long as he has the confidence of the president of Portugal, Manuel de Arriaga, and the support of the Democratic party.

The Chamber of Deputies yesterday again voted confidence in the new ministry on motion of Dr. Affonso Costa, a former premier of Portugal.

### OPINION IS SEIZED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Customs officers seized yesterday aboard the White Star line steamship Adriatic, 100 tons of opium, said to have come from London, and arrested James Murphy, a storekeeper on the ship, on the charge of attempting to smuggle the forbidden drug into this country.

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### DIVORCED FROM WIFE, AVOIDS HER FRIENDS

Albert Walter, 54 years of age, yesterday testified in divorce proceedings against his young wife Ruby, that it was impossible for a man to live in the house with three women. Since his wife did not appear to answer the charges, he was granted the decree.

Walter alleged that his wife was in the habit of having two friends at the house all the time and that when he wanted to go anywhere he had to take all three. He also asserted that when his troubles were not centered on the three women, he used to be engaged in dodging kitchen utensils playfully hurled by his wife.

Walter is a well-known candy man of West Oakland and owns three stores and a moving picture concern in that district.

### STEAMER ARRIVES WITH COTTON CARGO BURNING

By Associated Press.  
CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.—The Swedish steamer Orion arrived here last night from Savannah with her cotton cargo burning. Tugs at a late hour were fighting the fire, which was said to be serious.

# EXTRA STREET CARS Wednesday and Thursday FOR Holiday Traffic

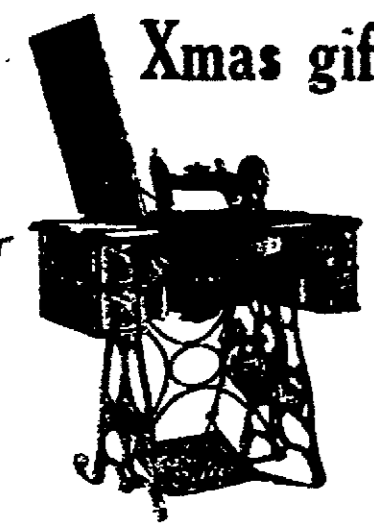
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**JOHN B. TAYLOR DIES.**  
NEWPORT, Ky., Dec. 23.—Colonel John Barry Taylor died yesterday in the old Taylor mansion, Newport, Ky., in which he was born seventy-eight years ago. His grandfather, General Taylor, owned the land on which Newport now stands. His wife was Betty Washington, great-granddaughter of the first President, Colonel Taylor's great-grandfather, William T. Barry, was postmaster general under President Andrew Jackson.

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11:00 A.M.	Sacramento, Pittsburg, Bay Point, Bay Bridge and Way Station.	11:00 A.M.
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6:00 P.M.	Sacramento, Pittsburg, Bay Point, Bay Bridge and Way Station.	6:00 P.M.

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## YULETIDE SERVICES REPLETE WITH MUSIC

### Oakland Churches Offering Special Programs for Christmas

With midnight services to be held in St. John's Church, Eighth and Grove streets, Thursday evening, the Christmas devotions will be ushered into that house of worship by a special program of sacred music to be given.

In the deconsecrated and Catholic churches throughout this city services will be held on Friday morning, when augmented choirs will chant the Christmas carols and solemn masses will be sung. Sermons reflecting the beauty of the Christmas tide celebration will be delivered by the clergymen, who are making elaborate preparations for the Yuletide solemnities in the houses of worship.

**ST. MARY'S.**  
In the morning there will be eight services at St. Mary's church Christmas Day. The first will commence at 5 o'clock on Christmas morning, consisting of a high mass, of which the celebrant will be Rev. P. Dempsey, will be the celebrant. The music at this mass will be rendered by the young women of St. Mary's school. The other masses will be at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 o'clock.

At the 9 o'clock mass there will be special music by the boys' choir. The 10 o'clock service will be the solemn high mass, of which the celebrant will be Rev. P. Dempsey, deacon, Rev. E. McCall, sub-deacon, Rev. J. O'Brien, organist. The music at this mass will be rendered by the Oakland Conservatory of Music choir, accompanied by their well known orchestra. The mass will be Haydn's "Imperial." At the offertory the Adagio Fideles will be sung.

There will be an organ prelude and postlude from Handel and Liszt. The soloists of the mass will be: Soprano, Miss Wilkie; contralto, Mrs. Malloch; tenor, Mr. Cook; bass, Mr. Taylor; and Mr. Flanagan. These will be assisted by sopranos, Mrs. F. B. Berkey, Mrs. W. C. Bliss, Mrs. N. P. Wilkie, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. J. Norton, Miss G. I. Wilkie, Miss Jean Miller, Miss Anna Young, Miss M. M. Elliott, Miss Virginia M. Foster, Miss Ida C. Kraft and Miss Elizabeth Nuttall. Contraltos, Mrs. H. Malloch, Mrs. K. Sharp, Miss Carolyn Ryan and Miss Tessie Gramspercher; tenors, R. B. Cook, F. Biggart, J. Wilson, L. Reynolds, F. Biggart, bass, G. I. Taylor, F. Polver, F. B. Berkey, J. Flanagan, D. Hammond and S. S. Sandy.

The sermon at the 11 o'clock service will be preached by the Rev. E. P. Dempsey. The Oakland Conservatory of Music choir will also give the music at the noon-time service. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a special sermon by the Rev. T. J. Kennedy and benediction.

A special feature of the Christmas days at St. Mary's church will be the Christmas crib—a portrayal of the scene at Bethlehem on Christmas morning. The Christmas crib will be open to visitors until New Year's day.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.**  
Masses at St. Patrick's Church on Christmas day will commence at 5 o'clock, which mass will be a Missa Cantata; thereafter masses will be celebrated every hour until 10:30 o'clock, when there will be a solemn high mass celebrated by the Rev. T. Mahan, the Rev. M. Barry as deacon and Rev. E. Maher as subdeacon. The sermon will be preached by Rev. E. Maher on "The Birth of Christ."

During the late mass the choir will render "The Mass in G. No. 1" will be sung at the offertory by Miss Eleanor McCarthy. Solemn benediction will follow immediately after the late mass. The "O Salutaris" will be sung by Miss Anna May and Miss Serena McCarthy. The choir will consist of Mrs. H. Wales, Misses Anna May, Eleanor McCarthy, "The Mass in G. No. 1" will be sung by Mrs. J. T. Torrey and Mrs. McCarthy, alto, Miss Pauline May will preside at the organ.

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES.**  
Christmas services at St. Francis de Sales Church, corner Grove and Hobart streets: Masses at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 o'clock; high mass at 10:30, followed by benediction at 11:30; Christmas Eve at 12 o'clock a low mass will be celebrated. Celebrant at the 10:30 mass Rev. P. J. Keane; deacon, Rev. M. Murphy; sub-deacon, Rev. T. O'Brien; sermon by Rev. M. Murphy. The choir, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth McNally, organist, will render Adagio Fideles, Mary's Mass, "The Mass in G. No. 1" will be sung by Hugh Williams and chorus; O Salutaris, contralto solo, Mrs. Ruth Waterman Anderson; santum Ergo (Bible), full chorus. Sopranos, Mrs. Nellie Chase Williams; alto, Mrs. Ruth Waterman Anderson; tenor, Hugh Williams; bass, C. W. Castell, assisted by Mrs. George Perkins, Miss Nellie Whelan, Miss Angie Georgiana, F. D. Ames and Fred Harrison.

**ST. LEO'S CHURCH.**  
At St. Leo's Catholic church, Piedmont avenue, of which Rev. Father Owen Lacey is pastor, there will be five masses on Christmas day, at 5, 7, 8, 9, and high mass at 10:30 a. m. At the 8 a. m. mass the young men of the parish will sing the "Mass in G. No. 1" and at the 9 o'clock mass the children will sing appropriate hymns. At the 10:30 a. m. high mass the celebrant will be Rev. Father Owen Lacey. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Father P. O'Neill. Special music will be rendered by an augmented choir, consisting of sopranos, Misses Olga Schumann, Nellie McKeane, Mrs. Milton Ish; alto, Mrs. G. E. Fallon, Mrs. J. C. Wagoner; tenor, James Thies, basses, W. J. Kleinfelder and William Makin. At the offertory William Makin will sing "Adagio Fideles" will be sung before the mass. Organist and choir director, Miss Josephine Ryan, benediction of the blessed sacrament will follow immediately after the 10:30 mass.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PORTUGUESE.**  
Christmas services at St. Joseph's Portuguese church: At 6 o'clock, high mass; at 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, low masses; at 10:30 solemn high mass. An augmented choir will sing the mass Salve Regina by J. G. G. Stehle.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.**  
St. Paul's church, Montecito avenue and Bay Point, Rev. Alexander Allen, rector, Holy Eucharist at 7 o'clock; morning service: Holy Eucharist and sermon at 10:30. Friday morning at 10:30 the services will open with an organ prelude "Oh, Holy Night" by Bach. The order of the devotions will be as follows:  
Processional, "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"  
Vente or Proper Psalms Chant.  
Gloria Patri Chant.  
Te Deum.  
Jubilate.  
Introit, "Christians, Awake."  
Kyrie.  
Gloria.  
Hymn or anthem, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem."  
Germans.  
Offertory, "The Grace of God."  
Presentation of altar, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."  
Sanctus.  
Communion hymn.  
Stainer

## SAYS DIFFERENT IDEALS WAR CAUSE

### President Emeritus of Harvard Sees Benefit as Result of Conflict.

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Hope that the great war in Europe might yet work out for the good of mankind was expressed by Charles W. Eliot, president-emeritus of Harvard University, in an address last night before the New England Society at its 109th annual dinner.

"The American people believe, as the Pilgrim Church believed, that truth and light are constantly to be known to man," said Dr. Eliot, and that it is the truth that makes men free—more truth, scientific, philosophical or religious, more freedom for mankind.

"If the truth can now be implanted in the international atmosphere, the huge sorrow and desolation of most of that continent may yet be turned into gladness and hope."

Dr. Eliot declared that the fundamental cause of the European war was the "difference in the ideals of government, national greatness and national welfare, of Germany and Austria on the one hand, and France and Great Britain on the other." He continued:

"The principal difference between the people of the United States and the nations of Europe is a difference of ideals concerning human welfare and the means of promoting it."

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Dr. Lyman Abbott, another speaker, touched upon the question of national defense.

"A self-governing nation," said he, "must be a self-protecting nation. What good is it to have a million men who are ready to fight the guns if they can't work together any more than an infant can kick a football? It shows we ought to have a citizen soldiery to give prompt obedience to authority."

**MUST PROVE LIQUOR IS BROUGHT OVER BORDER**  
By Associated Press.  
MUSKOGEE, Ok., Dec. 23.—Liquor convictions in Oklahoma under the federal laws designed to make the Indian country "dry," can be found only in cases where it is shown the liquor has been brought into the state from a point outside the state to a point within the state. The federal court today in sustaining a demurrer to a liquor indictment.

He held that proof of the actual sale of liquor was not enough to obtain a conviction for introducing.

Judge Campbell's decision follows and the recent decision of the circuit court which held that mere possession of liquor in Oklahoma did not alone constitute introducing it into this state.

**DEPUTIES MANIFEST FRENCH "SACRED UNION"**  
By Associated Press.  
PARIS, Dec. 23.—Newspapers of all shades of opinion vie with each other in the spelling of the speeches of Premier Viviani and Paul Deschanel, speaker of the House at the historic sitting of parliament yesterday, which all declare was a magnificent manifestation of the "sacred union" of the whole country appealed for by President Poincaré at the beginning of the degeneration in the French soul which barbarian doctors like best to dwell upon, was a political malady," says the Matin, in commenting on the sitting. "The chamber showed yesterday, for the second time that this disease is only prevalent in times of peace."

**MOTOR MISHAPS INCREASE.**  
By Associated Press.  
BOSTON, Dec. 23.—An increase of 22 per cent in the number of motor car fatalities in Massachusetts for the year ending November 20, was reported by the Highway Commission today. There was 7961 accidents, in which 229 persons lost their lives and 4010 were injured. Of those killed 150 were pedestrians.

**CONTROL EGG MARKET.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Fifteen butter and egg firms in New York City virtually controlling the prices of two commodities throughout the United States, according to information made public yesterday by the state attorney general's office, which is investigating the sale of butter and eggs in this city.

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Santa Claus will be very busy in Toy Shop tomorrow distributing gifts for the little folks. Its going to be a lively day

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**ALLOW PUPIL TO DO WHAT HE LIKES? NO: DR. FOSTER**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Declaring that schools today fail to develop thoroughness in children, calling the Montessori system of education pernicious and condemning the school systems which allow children to do what they like—or, more properly, not to do what they don't like—Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed College of Portland, Ore., injected some new ideas of education into Los Angeles city school teachers at their institute at Polytechnic High School.

Parents of today came in for some whacks at the hands of the college president for not assisting teachers in disciplining children. Dr. Foster's idea is that teachers should discipline children to be thorough in everything and that parents should back them up.

"Parents, I fear, have become soft-hearted, and softer-headed," said the noted educator. "It seems to be the spirit of the age. We are living in a moving picture age. We sit back and let others do everything for us. This softness of life has come into our education. We allow pupils to take what they want, or not take what they do not want; do what they want or not do what they do not want to do. Parents have allowed this situation to exist. What we need is to require every pupil to do his level best in whatever he undertakes and parents must back us right up in our efforts."

"This idea of letting the child do what he wants is too much of the Montessori education. This is a pernicious thing which should not be tolerated in American education. Whatever there is about the Montessori system worth utilizing has existed and been utilized before the 'Montessori system' ever received its name."

**SOLDIERS ACTIVE, DROP PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS**

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 23.—A special correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, who has just arrived at the headquarters of the Duke of Wurttemberg, telegraphs that the comparative quiet hitherto prevailing on the west front has given place within the last three days to such unusual activity that the soldiers have dropped all thoughts of preparing for a Christmas celebration.

The French and British, adds the correspondent, have been trying for several days to break through the German positions, especially at Neuport and on the Xer canal, supported by very strong reserves. They have maintained a stubborn fire upon the German positions with their heaviest artillery. Nowhere, says the correspondent, have they achieved the desired success. The spirit of the German troops everywhere is excellent.

**REFERENDUM WEAPON OF VALLEJO SALOONISTS**

By Associated Press.  
VALLEJO, Dec. 23.—Some of the twenty saloons which will be forced out of business January 1 as the result of the recent decision of the city council to reduce the number of saloons to twenty-five, have employed legal counsel and announced that they would seek to move the referendum to prevent the official from refusing to issue licenses to them.

**UNCONSCIOUS INQUIRIES.**  
CHICO, Dec. 23.—To step on an elevator at 7 o'clock in the morning at the Sperry flour mill in sound body and health and an hour and a half later to find himself walking down stairs with a bruised and cut head, a wrench shouter and lacerated ear was the peculiar experience of Frank Barton, who runs the mill stock room.

He has absolutely no recollection of what transpired during the entire hour and a half, nor how he came by his injuries.

**500,000 WOUNDED TREATED.**  
PARIS, Dec. 23.—Almost half a million wounded soldiers were treated in French hospitals between September 15 and November 30. The figures were submitted to the army committee of the chamber of deputies by the chairman of the committee, M. Troussaint, who gave the precise number as 450,733. Of this total, 245 per cent died.

**BRYAN'S VIEWS REVERSED?**  
OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Senator Hitchcock's newspaper will undertake to prove by the Democratic year book that with regard to selling supplies to belligerent Secretary Bryan now favors ideas he (Bryan) opposed a year ago. The secretary is reported to be against the Senator's bill for the prohibition of sales of materials to nations at war.

**EMBZZLER GETS SEVEN YEARS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Edward M. Dates, convicted of embezzling \$25,000 belonging to his stepdaughter, Miss Mildred Jane Porter, was sentenced yesterday in San Rafael to serve seven years in San Quentin prison. The judgment was handed down by Judge Edgar Cook, after denying application for probation. Judge Sewall spoke scornfully of the embezzler's plea for leniency, declaring the case to be the worst that had come under his notice.

Dates, a resident of a garage in Sausalito, with little financial success, some years ago married a wealthy widow, Mrs. Dates, at her death, about four years ago, left \$25,000 to her daughter, and the remainder of the estate, amounting to \$30,000, to her husband. Dates was named as executor. Recently Mrs. Porter for care of age and infirmity, turned over for an account. He was compelled to admit that he had squandered her inheritance as well as his own, and his indictment followed. Notice of appeal from the judgment was filed by counsel for Dates.

**HE'S FOUND AT LAST: BOASTS LONGEST NAME**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—With a record of fossils that break the world's record for perfection in all their parts, Burman Brown arrived at the American Museum yesterday after a season's strenuous digging in the Red River canyon of Alberta.

Prof. Henry F. Osborn of the museum was astonished when he learned that in the cargo were eight perfect skeletons of caribou and bison, and numerous fragments of gigantic size, as it has heretofore been almost impossible to get more than parts of the bones of a species. Among the fossils is that of the Arctocyon, a magnivorous animal plated and dreadnaught of his time.

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Increasing Horrors of War.

John Hays Hammond Jr., son of a distinguished father, and a man of ingenuity and talent himself, has invented, so say reports, a new projectile designed to scatter a white hot mixture of molten steel over the object of attack, and at the same time fill the atmosphere with a gas so deadly in quality that fire fighters cannot even approach the place bombarded, much less work in it. Young Hammond is quoted as having said that the contents of the projectile consists of an aluminothermic mixture which, five seconds after discharge, turns the steel inside to a temperature of 5400 degrees Fahrenheit. The fluid contents described would immediately set fire to any inflammable material it might strike, and its effect on living men would be appalling. The gas-making device is described as a chamber filled with hydro-cyanic acid, the fumes of which are deadly.

According to Young Hammond, one of the belligerent powers of Europe is negotiating for the purchase of this deadly device.

We have read in histories of sieges of ancient cities, that the defenders poured molten metal on their assailants, and also used hot sand, which getting beneath their armor caused indescribable torment. We have read of the atrocities of our own North American Indians, who tortured their victims at the stake and in many unspeakable ways, but in the light of the advancement of civilization and the presumed growth of Christianity, it is difficult to understand how the genius of intellect can be prostituted to the production of such a brutal, barbarous, diabolical, hellish, inhuman, infernal and savage engine of destruction.

Nor can we understand the order of a mind that having so invented it, can think for one instant of accepting money for it, or for one instant of permitting it to be used for the destruction of life. We cannot imagine for the most brief period of time that human thought requires for the formation of an emotion, how, having disposed of it and having read of the terror and destruction accomplished, its inventor could lay his head on his pillow and sleep. Rather we should expect the night would be full of terrors; that the charred forms of victims in all their ghastliness would move in never-ending procession through the hours of darkness and that on every breeze stirring the branches of the trees outside would be borne the wails of anguish of those who had miserably perished through the agency of this Satanic contrivance.

Let the scientists of war contemplate with satisfaction the perfection of this new idea of murder on a grand scale and pay a tribute to its designer, if they will, but most of us would prefer to live in the humble obscurity of the peasant, far from the centers of enlightenment and advantage, toiling and toiling with no higher hope than to earn a scant living and sleep in an unmarked tomb when the weary limbs shall no longer respond to the commands of the mind, than to enjoy the splendor of munificence and the assurance of fame built on the graves of men, women and children, cruelly done to death by a machine so malign in its characteristics as to make the stake of the savage, the club of the cave man appear merciful in comparison.

Portland, Oregon, has an ordinance requiring all vehicles traveling after nightfall to carry lights. A jury recently acquitted the driver of a motor truck for killing a bull wandering on the street after dark for the reason the animal was not illuminated and the chauffeur could not see him, which appears to establish a new standard for animals in that vicinity.

Congressman Kent recently threw the house into an uproar by charging Congressman Stearnson of Minnesota, who objected to the Kent bill granting citizenship to women who marry aliens, with regarding women only as mankind's vermiform appendices. Such a simile is calculated to cause an uproar in almost any society.

Chancellor Jordan of Stanford University is reported as having said in a speech delivered in Chicago that he would rather see this country defeated than militarized. After a brief consideration of conditions in Belgium we are inclined to the belief that university chancellors sometimes are eligible to be included in the class that should think twice before speaking once.

Watson's Appeal to America

William Watson, noted poet of England—and it does not require a vast amount of ability to fill that place these days—has nudged his muse in the ribs, partially awakened her from sleep, and in that which may be designated poetry, extended to the United States an invitation to take a hand in the war game across the Atlantic, on the side of Great Britain, of course. Poet Watson's appeal is couched in the following words:

Art Thou her child, born in the proud mid-day  
Of her large soul's abundance and success?  
Her daughter and her mightiest heirress,  
Dowered with her thoughts and lit on thy great way  
By her great lamps, that shine and fail not? Yes!  
And at this thunderous hour of struggle and stress  
Hither across the ocean wilderness  
What word comes frozen on the frozen spray?  
Neutrality! The tiger from his den  
Springs at thy mother's throat, and can't thou now  
Watch with a stranger's gaze? So be it then.  
Thy loss is more than hers, for bruised and torn  
She shall yet live without thine aid, and thou  
Without the crown divine thou might'st have worn.

Some songs there are which in the past have awakened the emotions of men. Ireland has her "Wearing of the Green," Great Britain her "Rule Britannia," France her "Marseilles," Germany her "Wacht am Rhein," our own land its "Star-Spangled Banner" and other airs, but there does not appear in Watson's effort anything calculated to inspire us with a unanimous desire to rush to arms and get in the general engagement.

Imprimis, the opening sentence expressing the idea that the United States was "born in the proud mid-day of the large soul's abundance and success" may sound all right to Watson, but commonplace history teaches us that that birth was accomplished after a hard fought revolution, and while history is oftentimes forgotten in poetry, said poetry has to be of a higher order than this. Then too, there are numerous persons here who recall that in our own hour of stress, when the States were arrayed against States, those opposed to continuing the union received material aid and comfort at the hands of those who now intimate that our neutrality is ingratitude.

However, we are not holding up anything against the mother country for that which she has indulged in in the past; she has long since been forgiven for any little imperfections of conduct. We are simply standing by the policy of Washington in not making any entangling alliances across the sea, or taking part in a quarrel in which we have no interest whatever, except so far as we may be able to succor the distressed, feed the hungry, bind up the wounds of the injured and strive to our utmost to bring about peace.

It looks as if both kaiser and czar were mistaken in their announcements respecting the localities in which they proposed eating their Christmas dinners.

Governor Johnson having declared next Saturday a holiday, there will be three days of rest for all save the newspapermen who have to stay on the job to the end that everyone may know how they enjoyed themselves.

Mt. Kanaka, thirty miles from Redding and fifteen miles from Mt. Lassen, is reported in eruption. Another reason for "seeing America first."

MESSRS. JEKYL AND HYDE



—By THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE CARTOONIST.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

It was as much social as it was an artistic event at the Macdonough, for a most representative gathering of the best people of this section gathered to see Salvini in "The Three Guardsmen." Some idea of the way society has taken up the Salvini engagement can be obtained from the following partial list of those who were present: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Abrahamson, Mrs. I. N. Jacoby, Julius Abrahamson, Miss Celia Abrahamson, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, Hon. and Mrs. S. G. Hilborn, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bellingham, Mrs. George De Golia, Mrs. George W. McNear, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lenders, Judge and Mrs. Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Penoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Fatt, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. Prather and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eastland.

There is every prospect of the national game being revived in Oakland next year. Yesterday two prominent baseball men from across the bay dropped into Oakland to feel the public pulse in regard to the sport. They were referred to T. C. Cavanah, J. T. Moran, Alex. Hirschberg, D. W. Kirkland, Fred Poor and H. D. Ellison, as among those who would talk baseball to them all day and give them some good advice as to how to work up a club in this city. The proposition is to make Oakland an independent city in the league so that people will rally to the support of the club. Heretofore Oakland has simply been the tail to San Francisco's baseball kite. Of course, there will be no large salaries, for the day for gill-edged salaries has passed.

At a meeting of the City Trustees of Alameda, County Tax Collector-elect Barber handed in his resignation as City Treasurer. E. Minor Smith and C. S. Neal are the most prominent candidates for the vacant position.

ONLY JOKING

A negro bricklayer in Macon, Ga., was lying down during the noon hour, sleeping in the hot sun. The clock struck 1, the time to pick up his hod again. He rose, stretched and grumbled: "I wish I wuz daid. 'Tain't nothin' but wuk, wuk from mawnin' till night."

Another man, a story above, heard the complaint and dropped a brick on the grumbler's head.

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SNAP SHOTS

The hopeful young attorney may learn law at a law school, but the courthouse is the place to study technicalities. When a man owns a little automobile he always says he gets more fun out of it than he would if it were larger. Of course times are hard, but maybe you have noticed that in rainy weather nearly everybody has a raincoat. Sometimes when a girl points the finger of scorn at a young man it is a hint for him to grab her hand.

While Clinger says the way she disagreed that her new employer is a widower was by the way he doesn't go home till he gets ready.

LOOKED LIKE IT

J. A. E. Malone tells a story of a visit he paid to a friend, and while waiting for him the small daughter of the house, aged about 4 years, rushed into the room in a state of wild excitement. "You don't know what you've got upstairs," she exclaimed. "No," said Mr. Malone. "I don't. What is it?" "It's a new baby brother!" she announced. "That's nice," Mr. Malone replied. "Is he going to stay with you?" "I expect so," was the thoughtful answer, "he's got his things off."

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"Last!" sobbed the young wife, drying her tears. "It didn't last as long as a wood pavement."

MUCH IN LITTLE

Serbia acquired as a result of the Balkan war, territory to the extent of 14,659 square miles, with a population of 1,151,514. The total area of the country is, therefore, 28,212 square miles, with a total population of 4,323,315. The new territory has been divided into twelve administrative districts, making a total of 39 administrative districts in the whole country.

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## SEVERAL TEACHERS ARE TRANSFERRED

City Board of Education Makes Final Changes of the Semester.

Transfers of teachers for the coming school term, a regular event at the close of a school semester, completion of all business of the year, such as old accounts, old plans and the payment of old bills, marked last night's session of the Board of Education. Arrangements were completed for the big Christmas tree celebration, under the auspices of the Associated Charities, at which ninety stockings filled with gifts will be given poor children.

A report from the district attorney's office was received informing the board that the proposal to trade a portion of the Lewis property, purchased as a playground for the Alameda school, for other land, the deal involving the payment of extra money would not be legal unless submitted to the voters of the district under the state law. Improvement clubs had placed the trade proposal before the board. The opinion was filed and no action taken.

George A. Hunt was employed as a substitute teacher of manual training in the elementary schools for the ensuing term, and Miss Mary Hartung was elected domestic science and art teacher and assigned to the Lafayette school.

Nicholas Ricciardi, now principal of the Manhattan school, was transferred to the principalship of the Placerville school in place of Principal DeWitt. Principal Campbell of the Frick school was transferred to the principalship of the Manhattan school, in the place of Ricciardi.

Miss L. G. Booth was appointed cafeteria manager in the new Technical High School, to serve during the pleasure of the board, at a salary of \$100 per month, and Miss Juanita Case was elected instructor of Spanish and assigned for part time at the Technical High School and part time at the Oakland High School.

Miss Sue Dunbar, now on leave of absence, was assigned to commercial and English work at the Oakland High School. W. P. DeWitt was elected as vice-principal of the Oakland Technical High School.

In the book exchanges, conducted under the supervision of high school principals, no new books will be sold until January 1, 1916. It being understood that this ruling shall not interfere with the sale of second-hand books.

Beginning with January, the rules will be changed so that meetings of the committee of the Oakland Technical High School will be held on the first and third Mondays.

The salary of M. A. Purdy, custodian of the school, was fixed at the sum of \$135 a month, this salary to date from the beginning of the occupancy of the building by the school.

## PARENTS SUE TO HOLD MORTGAGED FURNITURE

Suit to determine the ownership of property included in the building occupied by Miss Beatrice Graham's riding academy at 2370 Telegraph avenue, was commenced today by her parents, Richard Graham and his wife, who alleged that when their daughter mortgaged the contents of her riding academy last March for \$1100 she is presently placing their household furnishings in jeopardy. According to Attorney Austin Lewis, representing the parents, the suit is a friendly one and merely brought to exempt their property from the chattel mortgage.

## TO SCOUT IN AIR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Two army aeroplanes left here today to take part in the aerial scouting operations near San Diego. They arrived here Monday, but bad weather prevented them from taking the air yesterday. The pilots were Lieutenant J. C. Morrow, with Lieutenant Ralph Holdway as observer, and Captain T. F. Dodo, with Lieutenant S. Fitzgerald as observer. The weather was clear when the two machines disappeared to the southwest shortly before 10 o'clock.

William Kelly. They awarded the complaint \$20.15.

## MRS. E. C. MERRILL PASSES BEYOND

Aged Pioneer, Active in Oakland Charities, Succumbs to Short Sickness.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Merrill, wife of the late Thomas L. Merrill, head of one of the leading families of this city, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Merrill, of 1000 Broadway, where she had been for several weeks and the members of the family were in constant attendance. She was 74 years of age.

Thirty-four years ago Mrs. Merrill came to Oakland, where she has resided during that entire period. She was one of the generous-hearted women of this community, who have freely to all needy causes and never refused a plea in the name of "Charity." Mrs. Merrill was an associate member of the Fabiola Hospital Association and also the Ladies' Relief Society of this city. She also held a membership card in the Home Club and was a member of the First Congregational Church of this city.

Mrs. Merrill was the mother of Mrs. Dana H. Mathes and Mrs. Charles T. Mathes, of this city, and the mother of Mrs. Lester A. Greengard (Miss Mathes).

## Actor Shoots Actress With Blank Cartridge

VALLEJO, Dec. 23.—A "blank" cartridge isn't always as blank as it looks—especially when it has a stiff paper wad in it—and that's why Miss Dee Loretti, actress, is today nursing a painful wound.

She was "shot" with the "blank" last night by Monte Mester, a comedian, when, in their act, he was supposed to aim at a bell held in her hand. The wad entered the woman's arm, which was also badly powder burned. She finished the act and then hurried for medical assistance. It is not believed by physicians that serious results will follow.

## REPAIRING CAVED-IN SECTION OF SEWER

The street department is engaged in repairing a caved-in section of the thirty-sixth street sewer, which has caved in as a result of the pressure of the heavy rains this winter. The sewer was built in sections under various engineering administrations from 1907 on, and some parts are older and not so strong as others. The sewer extends out across the tidelands to deep water on the western waterfront. It is a six foot sewer. The work of repairing will be carried on without interfering with the use of the street.

## TURKEYS

Ducks, Geese, Chickens (alive or dressed) from our own place in Sonoma county. We also have

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Yellow Pumpkin and Hubbard Squash. Ask our prices. Prompt free motor delivery everywhere. We'll deliver when you want it.

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## NAMES ADDED AS BOND GUARANTORS

Injunction Suit May Follow the Action of Berkeley Council, Says Cornish.

BERKELEY, Dec. 23.—After City Attorney Frank V. Cornish had told the council this morning that an injunction suit might follow its action, that body permitted the recent buyers of the school bonds to add another legal endorsement to the certificates. In addition to the name of Thomas E. Haven as guarantor will now appear that of the firm of Goodfellow, Ellis and Orrick. It was stated at the council meeting by Commissioners E. O. Turner and E. T. Harris that the names of the meeting at which it was decided to add Haven as guarantor were not to be added to the certificates. They declared that if Haven was not accepted by the purchasers of the bonds as an authority of sufficient weight, another firm could be secured. This morning, however, Cornish refused to add another name to the list of guarantors. He said that if Haven would object to being supplemented by another firm, he would object to the addition of another name. Cornish finally declared that an injunction will be asked against you if you permit another name to go on these bonds.

Application for permission to add the name of Goodfellow, Ellis and Orrick, was made by the First National Bank of Oakland, the Hawley Company, the Collins company, joint purchasers of the bonds under the name of the bank. Their representatives agreed to bear the expense of an additional search of the lead processes connected with the bonds by Goodfellow, Ellis and Orrick, though they still claim they had been given to understand that this endorsement would be secured if desired at the city's expense.

"But I consider Haven sufficient," declared the city attorney. "What is more, endorsement there will be strenuous objection if the other names are added."

The members of the council did not share Cornish's conviction. Commissioners Turner and Harris stated that when the bond attorney had been selected there were questions among the commissioners as to whether he were well acquainted with bonding investors to such a degree as to be able to give them the securities reliable. They added that it was stipulated at the time that other endorsement would be secured if necessary. They believe that this should now be permitted, especially in view of the willingness of the purchasers to sustain the expense. This view met with the approval of all the council.

## RICHMOND BANK ROBBED

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 23.—Bank robbers stole \$2000 through the receiving teller's window of the Central National Bank here yesterday afternoon and made their escape before the loss was discovered. Several persons were in the bank at the time. A pre-arranged telephone call drew the receiving teller from his booth.

## TO SING CAROLS IN ALAMEDA STREETS

Presbyterian Choir Will Render Melody From Automobiles.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 23.—The choir of the First Presbyterian Church with the organist and director Miss Elizabeth Westgate and numbering twenty-five will sing Christmas carols after midnight, Christmas morning, before the homes of a number of church members and others. There will be five machines filled with the singers who will visit the Alameda Sanatorium and the Home of Truth with the home of the pastor, the Rev. Herbert Thompson, the superintendent of the Sunday school, J. F. Baker and others, and will conclude their route with a supper at the home of Mrs. Bruce F. Knott in Clinton avenue. Machines for the tour about the city will be loaned by the Frederick Maurers, Kirkham Hairs, Russell James, the Bruce Knotts and Smith Anderson. Christmas services at St. Joseph's Church will start Christmas morning at 5 a. m. A mass will be said every hour following until 11 a. m. A priest from the parish, Father Anthony, will assist the local priests in giving the services.

The music will begin at 5 o'clock mass and will be rendered by several of the young ladies under the direction of Miss Irene Smith. The musical numbers will be "O Holy Night," "Silent Night," "Adeste Fideles" and "Canticle de Noel," by Miss Smith; "Silent Night," which obligato by W. Hutton; "Communion Hymn" by Miss Margaret Smith; Miss R. Gordin will assist at the organ.

This program will be repeated at the 9 o'clock mass, at which the men and boys of the parish will receive Holy Communion in a body. Miss Morris will preside at the organ.

Solemn High Mass will be said at 11 o'clock. Music for this service will be rendered by the regular choir under the direction of Miss Rich with Miss Rhein presiding at the organ.

## DENIES MONOPOLY OF WATER POWER SITES

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—G. M. Dahl, director in general corporations in the so-called General Electric Group, today told the Senate Lands Committee, which has been holding hearings on the bill to provide for the leasing of water power sites on public lands, that any monopoly of developed or undeveloped hydro-electric energy was impossible. Dahl read from a report by Herbert Knox Smith and testimony of Clifford Pinchot, statements that ten companies controlled through stock or bond ownership or through directors, nearly three million developed and undeveloped hydro-electric horse power.

General Electric interests, he said, controlled 28,000 horse power and had less than a 30 per cent stock interest in other companies named in the group.

"There is no concentration in the hands of a few interests, as has been claimed," the witness asserted.

Public hearings on the bill close today and for the next few days only members of Congress will be heard.

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FRUITVALE EAGLES TO GIVE CHRISTMAS TREE

FRUITVALE, Dec. 23.—Fruitvale Association will give a Christmas tree entertainment this evening in Eagles' hall, Santa Clara, impersonated by R. E. Reeves, will dispense toys and candy from the tree to the children, for whose entertainment members of the association, dressed as clowns, will give a comedy stunt. Captain Thorwald Brown, Arthur Barber, J. C. Holland and Owen Paul will take part in the entertainment.

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## HAS CHOICE OF SENDING MAN TO JAIL OR HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—It's bad enough to be a complaining witness—but when the judge hands you the key to the dock and tells you you can unlock the door and free the prisoner or hand back the key and see him go to jail—then what would you do in this festive Christmas season?

That was the question put up to E. J. Mallory of 2602 Howard street, today, by Police Judge Shortall. He had accused John McCaffery, an engineer, of beating him without cause.

"Here's the key to the dock. You can let him out or see me send him to jail," said the judge. "And remember, it's nearly Christmas."

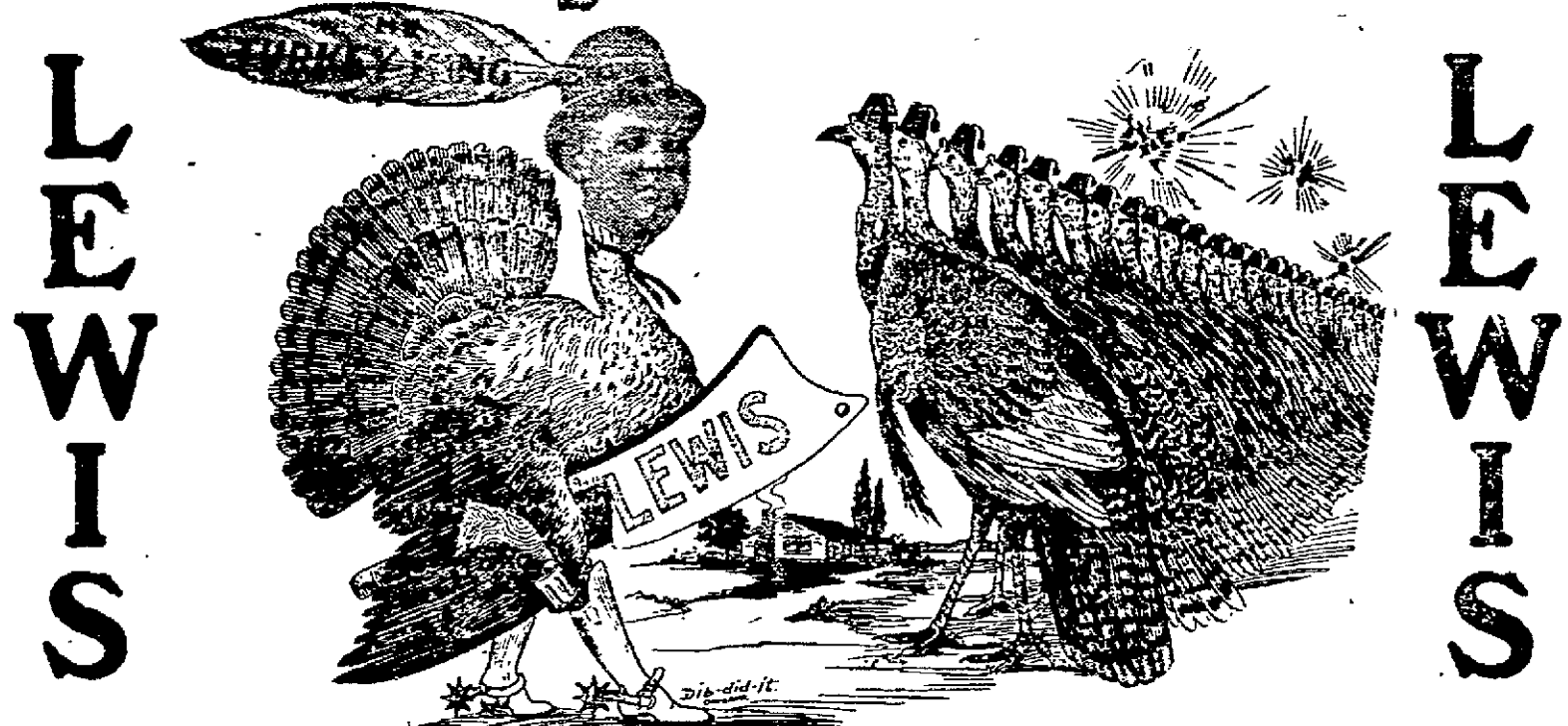
"Oh, well, I guess I'll be good to him," said Mallory, and unlocked the door. The man was released on suspended judgment.

## INTRICACIES OF SILKS CAUSE JUDGE TO WORRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The intricacies of silks, lace, ribbons, cut-out blouses and all the rest of the frills and burlesques that go into millinery dress, are too much for Police Judge Sullivan, and almost too much for the random jury that he picked up from the police court lobby today when his legal mind could not grasp the arguments and allegations presented by a dressmaker and her fair customer. The jury was equally at sea—that is, the male part of it—but a policeman on the jury saved the day, and justice triumphed even over male ignorance of women's wear.

It all came about when Mrs. I. I. Slade of 1112 Hibbard street, Alameda, sued Mrs. Minerva Spall, a dressmaker. She had the dress made, did not call for it, and the dressmaker sold it. The dispute was over its value. The random jury chosen consisted of Policewoman Katherine O'Connor, Supervisor Fred Hilmer, Attorney J. Gallagher, E. V. Wulff and

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Prime Rib Roast, per pound	17 1/2c and 19c
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Prime Standard Rib Roast, per pound	17 1/2c
Legs Lamb, per pound	20c
Pork Shoulder Roast, per pound	13 1/2c
Pork Loin Roast, per pound	17c
Pork Loin End Roast, per pound	14c

Fish and Oysters	Butter and Eggs
Selected Sealshipt Eastern Oysters—	Everything Guaranteed
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California Oysters, 100 for	Brand, churned fresh daily,
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## Only Inhabitant of Town Is Jailer and Own Prisoner, Too

Oakland may have as a visitor in 1915 the only man in his town. This is W. C. Taylor of Graham, Silver Mountain, Idaho, sole proprietor of the city named, and a forest ranger by profession, who is planning a visit to the Exposition and has been invited by the Oakland-Berkeley Hotel and Apartment Association to make Oakland his headquarters while on the coast. Taylor has a unique distinction in being the only inhabitant of the deserted village of Graham, on Silver Mountain, about 82 miles from Boise City. He is mayor, councilman, jailer and jailkeeper, all in one—the "Pooch-Bah" of the city. "The remains of the ephemeral mining camp of Graham," he writes, "consist of the hotel, three saloons, a small house, the old mill and jail. All the other buildings have fallen into decay. The village is about 30 years old, and was a mushroom growth at best, except the jail, built of logs and lined with planked boards. The jail has two roofs, and my room has a nice bay window, nicely barred."

## WOMAN SHOPPER ROBBED BY CLEVER PICKPOCKET

BERKELEY, Dec. 22.—Two shrewd women-pickpockets who robbed Mrs. May Blumhauer, 2614 Hillebrand avenue, Berkeley, of \$25 yesterday while she was doing her Christmas shopping in San Francisco, are being sought for by the police. In a dressing-room of a Market street department store one of the women complained of her veil "being away." Mrs. Blumhauer attempted to resist. When she had finished assisting her purse was gone. She suspects an accomplice of the first woman.

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## CHAMBERS SHOWS LOSS BY BONDS

\$5,000,000 Investment Costs \$14,000,000 Eventually, He Asserts.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 22.—A rather startling chapter in the forthcoming biennial report of State Controller John H. Chambers is that which deals with the ever increasing bond indebtedness of the state, counties and cities. The cities show, for instance, that in 1910 the bond debts of California municipalities were incomplete, amounted to \$25,375,754 and in 1913 had risen to the enormous total of \$100,257,558.10. The bond indebtedness of the various counties in 1907 amounted to \$6,555,560 and in 1914, to \$27,522,545. The state of California during the forty years preceding 1910, did not encourage the creation of bond indebtedness. In that year, however, they voted bonds to the sum of \$25,000,000 of which \$15,000,000 was for state highway purposes. The state, in addition, stands responsible for its share of the bond indebtedness of its various subdivisions outstanding in November, 1910, when the new system of taxation went into effect, amounting to \$7,552,512.25.

SUM IS INCREASED. Last month the people by their votes authorized a bond issue of \$3,000,000 for additional state buildings at Sacramento and \$1,000,000 for state buildings at San Francisco. There also was approved an issue of \$1,000,000 for the University of California. These bonds run for a period of 50 years, carrying four or four and one-half per cent interest. It is calculated that at the end of the 50-year period the interest will have amounted to \$3,500,000 or in round numbers \$3,000,000 more than the total issue. In other words, the cost to the state for erecting buildings of a probable value of \$3,000,000 will amount to \$14,500,000. Just as the way of emphasizing how the interest charges run up, it is calculated that for these bond issues the 50-year period the average amount of interest paid will be about \$170,000 a year.

While it is true the state now derives its main support from taxing corporations and that the people will not be called upon to pay either the bond principal or the interest on the bonds authorized last month, as long as the revenue derived from the corporation tax proves sufficient for state needs, still that is no excuse for approving a wasteful way of doing things, says Chambers. It is well to bear in mind, also, he adds, that the receipts from the corporations are liable to prove insufficient any year and, therefore, that the greater the burdens heaped upon the state, the more the people in the end may be called upon to pay. It is calculated that a general property tax of five cents on the \$100 of assessed valuation for a term of four years would raise an amount in excess of the total bond issues authorized last month. This money would be available, too, year by year as needed, there would be no interest to pay or delay due to the failure to sell bonds.

The controller states that his idea in presenting the figures, as given, is that public attention may be called to the matter.

## DEL NORTE ASPIRANTS CONTEST ELECTIONS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Del Norte aspirants in the election contest county in the state. The losing candidates for judge, sheriff and supervisor refuse to admit defeat. A peculiar feature of the recent election is the vote for nearly every office was so close that the defeated nominees would be warranted in demanding a recount. Governor Hiram W. Johnson yesterday appointed Judge G. H. Cabanias of San Francisco to hear the contests of R. W. Miller against John L. Childs for the office of superior judge; J. B. Endert against A. J. Huffman for sheriff, and William McCay against T. E. Peacock for supervisor. The contests will be heard immediately.

## PRINCE LIKES U. S., BUT BRIDE PREFERENCES ITALY

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—The Prince and Princess Romogliosi, the latter the Standard Oil heiress, formerly Miss Helen Stallo, arrived in Cincinnati yesterday to spend the holidays at the bride's old home. The prince announced, through an interpreter, that he had already fallen in love with the United States, and would like to live here and be naturalized. His American bride, he said, had become so fascinated with Italy that she was opposed to this plan, and so, he added, with a shrug of his shoulders that seemed to denote resignation, "we will probably continue to live in Italy."

## IDENTITIES SUSPECT.

SAN FERNANDO, Cal., Dec. 22.—By a scar on the cheek of a Mexican suspect, an eye-witness of the shooting has identified him as the man who shot and killed Frank B. Smith, city marshal, Smith, who was appointed to office Monday, attempted to arrest three Mexicans suspected of burglary. He found them by the roadside outside San Fernando, but on rousing them one of the men fired three shots into the marshal's body. J. V. Reavis, who accompanied Smith, ran for help and later identified the Mexican, whom a posse found hiding in an arroyo. Search is being continued for the other two men.

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## HE STUDIED WITH ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Nonagenarian Celebrates His Birthday at Redding.

Redding, Dec. 22.—Judge Charles Wells yesterday celebrated his ninety-third birthday. Born in Tennessee, he studied law under Abraham Lincoln. He signed his diploma. Judge Wells was known as the "hanging judge" in Omaha, Neb., when it was a wild and woolly Western town, because he sentenced so many murderers to the gallows. He came to California in 1855 and engaged in mining, met with reverses and teaching the size of 50 years, entered Shasta's county hospital.

San Jose, Dec. 22.—The fourth street car hold-up within a week occurred here last night, when the conductor of an interurban car was robbed of \$145. The hold-up took place at the intersection of the car and the street. The car was driven by a man named F. E. Chapin, general manager of the Peninsula Railway, has offered a reward of \$250 for the capture of the bandit dead or alive.

Redwood City, Dec. 22.—The charge of manslaughter against Homer Jackson, son of John P. Jackson, a San Mateo capitalist, was dismissed yesterday by Justice of the Peace H. W. Lampkin. While returning from a game on November 21st in his automobile, young Jackson collided with a buggy driven by Ed Huse, a Hughes case thrown out on the road and died a few hours later. The testimony was that the accident was unavoidable.

Ross, Dec. 22.—Exhausted by a long chase by a pack of hounds, a full-grown dog sought safety from his pursuers by running into the garage of Perry C. L. Puckner here yesterday. Every avenue of escape cut off, the frightened animal fought off the pack until Puckner came to her assistance. Puckner made the animal calm and turned her over to the State Fish and Game Commission.

Stockton, Dec. 22.—Following the confession that they were the trio that entered a saloon on Green Island a week

## CONVICTED MAN PARDONED AFTER FINDING SKELETON

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 22.—The finding of the skeleton of a cow in the woods in Howard county saved William Kennedy, aged 24, from entering the penitentiary today. Kennedy had been convicted of stealing the cow and sentenced to one year.

He was allowed to come to Little Rock alone and was about to go to the penitentiary to surrender when a delegation of friends arrived bearing a sworn statement from the owner of the cow that the animal's skeleton had been found on his farm. Governor Hays at once issued a pardon for Kennedy.

## JAPANESE ENVOY GUEST.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Viscount Sumitani Chinda, Japanese ambassador to the United States, was a guest last night at the annual dinner of the New England Society of North-eastern Pennsylvania. Ambassador Chinda touched briefly on the relations between Japan and the United States, depicting the frequently printed stories that war between the two countries was inevitable. Bishop Theobald Talbot of Baltimore and Bainbridge Colby of New York were other speakers.

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## AEROPLANES MAY PROTECT COAST

Adjutant-General Forbes Considers Plan for Stations and Birdmen.

How Oakland, opposite the Golden Gate, may be protected from possible warship attack outside the Heas, and how the bay region and the state at large will be guarded in time of war, is being shown to Adjutant-General Forbes of the National Guard by George E. Harrison, president of the Air Pilot Club of the United States, who has devised a system of war aeroplanes for this work. Stations should be, he declares, maintained along the coast, 25 miles apart. Harrison declares the plan will cost less to establish and maintain than the first cost and maintenance of a first-class battleship, and that it will be more effective than a half dozen dreadnaughts. In that it will be absolute protection against invasion. The cost of a battleship is about \$20,000,000. Harrison presents figures which show that the construction of 32 stations, covering California's 500 miles of coastline, with two planes to each station and maintenance for 10 years, would cost the government \$1,775,200.

## WIDE MOBILE AREA.

"With a sufficient number of war aeroplanes, these big vessels of the air could soar about 250 miles from land," he said, "and from points above the range of air guns drop bombs on any attacking fleet or army transports, destroying them before they could reach land. This is perfectly feasible. Should the system prove satisfactory here, it could be extended to the remainder of the coast and eventually provide the entire defense of the country."

"We have pilots in plenty here, for

## SHOOTS WOMAN WHO WON SPOUSE'S AFFECTIONS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Katherine Spring, 39 years old, and a grandmother, was shot three times and probably fatally wounded yesterday by Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, who accused her of having won the affections of her husband, William G. Porter, manager of a large railway supply house. Mrs. Porter telephoned the police what she had done, but fled before they arrived, to the home of friends who took her to the police station in their automobile.

She said Mrs. Spring promised her she would keep away from Porter, but she found several letters in her mail box this morning which Porter had written to the woman.

"She denied the charges I made against her and when she smiled in my face, I shot her," Mrs. Porter told the police.

The case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

## RESTRAINS LIQUOR SHIPMENTS.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Judge George C. Sturgis, in the Circuit Court yesterday, issued injunctions restraining the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the Wells Fargo Express Company from delivering in West Virginia shipments of intoxicating liquor originating outside the state. The decision is based on the Webb-Kenyon federal act and the West statewide prohibition law. Announcement was made that the case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

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## TROOPER AND CATTLE ARE DROWNED

Severe Floods Sweep Away  
Hundreds of Animals Along  
Arizona Border.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Many head of cattle were drowned last night in floods caused by the heaviest rains in the history of this section of Arizona. One rancher alone lost a herd of 100 head.

Traffic between Phoenix and Florence was suspended today on account of washed-out roads and bridges. The canals of the Salt River Valley Irrigation Works, the Salt River, the Santa Cruz river and the Santa Cruz river have reached the highest levels ever recorded. The prospects today are for more rain.

Nogales, a town of the border, was isolated today by the heavy rains. Wires were down for several hours. The United States Army forces at Nogales suffered considerably. Several head of mules belonging to the artillery were lost in a deep wash caused by the storm. A cavalry trooper also was reported drowned.

Landslides in the vicinity of Ray, a mining camp near here, cut off communication with that point. Ray was visited by a flood some months ago, the result of a cloudburst, and the people there expressed fear today that the waters raised by the heavy rainfall since Saturday would cause as much or more damage.

Both approaches to the new State Highway bridge at Florence have been washed out. The Gila river at that point was higher today than during the flood season of 1891.

Unusually heavy falls of snow have been reported from the higher altitudes in the northern part of the state.

### FAST AREAS FLOODED.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Torrential rains, falling almost continuously since Saturday last, have flooded vast areas in this section of Arizona. The Santa Cruz river, ordinarily a dry bed, was a roaring water course a mile and a half wide today. Many houses and stores along its banks were wrecked or washed away, although no lives were lost, according to reports up to noon. The desert country between this city and Phoenix is a veritable sea.

### RAILROAD TRACES GONE.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Five inches of rain falling during the last few days have caused the greatest flood damage record in this vicinity in recent years. Railroads on this side the border and in Sonora have

## Lake Is Guarded for Burglar Amphibian Thief Eludes Police



The "Lakeburg burglar" has been transformed into the "Lake Merritt pirate," and last night a cordon of 15 policemen, equipped with searchlights, rapid fire and a swift motorboat, lay in wait all night around the lake to capture the marauder.

Last winter the Lakeburg burglar continued his operations for months uninterrupted, making raids upon the apartment houses and residences around the lake. He always mysteriously escaped, no matter how close the police appeared to be on his trail.

The reason for this has now become plain. The burglar was really a pirate, and the methods of the police, a bunch of "landlubbers" were of no avail against this daring buccaner. What was needed was a swift revenue cutter, and the Oakland authorities are planning to call upon the federal government for aid against the lake pirate.

A few nights ago, after an attempt had been made at the Yacht Club apartments, the burglar-pirate was seen to

steal down to the Lakeside, slip the hauser of his stealthy craft, and clear for the open lake. It is believed he made for the opposite shore. The method of attack of the sea-rover has now become plain. After making a descent upon the unprotected coast, he loaded his piratical loot into the hold of his vessel and puttled to sea while the bewildered landlubbers searched the streets and by-ways of the burglar.

It is thought that the lake pirate has returned, and that the police may be similar trouble with him this year. As a consequence a platoon of police has been set aside as a coast guard to keep watch for the pirate. In case he is seen stealing aboard his craft, the alarm will be given and the motorboat, with police on board and a big searchlight, will scour the lake. In the meanwhile the cordon of police will play "ring-around-a-rose" on the shore, or "here-we-go-round-the-mulberry-bush" in the hope of stumbling over the sea-rover in case he puts to shore to avoid his pursuers.

suffered considerably, tracks and bridges having been washed out. The El Paso and Southwestern railroad was badly crippled today. Several hundred feet of track and several bridges of the Nacozari railroad of Sonora were destroyed by the floods.

Fort Huachuca, an American army post, was completely cut off from mail and wire communication. From Bisbee came reports of serious damage, due to the flooding of business houses situated in the low lying districts between the hills.

### SIERRA SNOWS HEAVY.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23.—More snow is now on the Sierra Nevada mountains of Northern California at this season than since the winter of 1899, according to figures compiled by Government Weather Forecaster N. R. Taylor.

Near Colfax, 50 miles north of Sacramento, there is considerable snow. From January 1 to 15, in 1899, no trains were operated in the Southern Pacific, and the snow depth at Colfax yesterday and today trains arriving in Sacramento were coated with snow and frost, and in many cases delayed by the snow.

## WALSH REVIEWS LABOR SITUATION

Peace, But Not Peace at Any  
Price, Says Federal Com-  
mission Head.

By Associated Press. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—"We want peace in American industry, but we do not want peace at any price," said Frank Walsh, chairman of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations in an address before the City Club today, in which he commented on the labor situation in Colorado.

"We want peace to rest on those primal rights that are the basic reason for government. A settlement of the Colorado difficulty on any other basis than the happiness and the rights of men, I will always protest," Mr. Walsh painted a vivid picture of the intimate view the commission is gaining of the industrial situation, its intricacies and its imminent dangers.

"Our recommendations will amount to little, the facts we assemble will amount to much," he said. He pointed out that the very law which created the commission implied the existence of industrial unrest.

### QUOTE TWO WITNESSES.

Mr. Walsh told the story of two witnesses, one following the other, who appeared before the commission at Paterson, New Jersey. One, he said, was a young man, an American, the product of American schools, a leader in a militant labor organization.

"He blandly stated that in defense against what he termed the 'violence of capitalism,'" explained Mr. Walsh, "he would have no hesitancy in blowing up the great marble courthouse in that city to gain one strike. There he stood, unflinching and unshaken and glad to say what he did. He had no thought of the possible loss of human life, of violence to American institutions, of the constitution and the guarantee given to honesty and thrift."

### OUTSIDE AGITATION.

"Scarcely had the horror of his statement passed from his hearers when a man, bearing the marks of honesty, who for forty years had dealt with the men of organized labor and dealt fairly with them, came on the stand. He said he knew labor organizations violated contracts at times, but that for every contract violated by the men ten contracts had been violated by organizations of employers, his associates."

"What I am opposed to," he testified, "is the coming in of outside agitators."

He was asked to pass on what was violence to law and order and who were undesirable agitators. But he held to his views as deliberately and as coolly as the young man who would blow up the courthouse to gain a single strike.

### BASIC RIGHT ESSENTIAL.

"What safeguards have we more important than those which safeguard human rights and human happiness? My property is no good to me unless I have the basic right of human freedom."

"We are concerned," Mr. Walsh asserted, "in the fact that thousands of people today are occupying cold and dismal camps because of an effort, wise or unwise, to better their conditions. We are concerned, too, in the destruction of millions of dollars' worth of the primal products of the earth. But we are more concerned with the breakdown of the balance of power, that control, which the state was supposed to exercise, may get rid of the sores, but what of the courts using sword and a hissing of the constitution?"

"I look hopefully to the future," he concluded, "to an intelligent electorate, more and more taking into its own hands that which is really its own affair."

### MAY BE CONTEST OVER BIG ZIMMERMAN ESTATE

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—The Duchess of Manchester has peremptorily compelled by cable arrangements made to hold the funeral of her father, Eugene Zimmerman, today. The duchess cables she will arrive in New York from England January 3. There is a hint of a contest over the estate and the duchess is said to be planning a fight to her father's wealth.

## BANDIT QUEEN SOUGHT IN OAKLAND

Police Wait at the Mole for Her  
Arrival With \$13,000  
in Booty.

Protective watching about a passenger train, watching all corners, are at the Oakland mole awaiting the arrival of Ira Ormsby, the beauty with \$13,000 on her head," wanted as the only witness that can tell the facts in connection with the life of Frank G. Hohl, the bandit, and the girl, believed now to be carrying with her \$13,000 stolen from Cincinnati banks by her bandit sweetheart. She is on one of the transcontinental trains speeding west, and is, detectives declare, bound for Los Angeles. It is thought that she will arrive at the Oakland mole and there seek a Los Angeles train. On her arrival detectives, armed with photographs, believe that they will have no trouble in apprehending her.

The girl, who was the sweetheart of the notorious bandit who robbed two Cincinnati banks in broad daylight, is carrying her loot. It is declared, in her silk stockings, which cost \$100 a pair. The girl is declared to have a passion for silk, and this is one of the clues by which she was traced to the Los Angeles trip.

Interwoven with the police records of Hohl's career is the story of the girl's life.

### DOUBLE ROBBERY.

March 23 of this year he "shot up" the Union Bank at Alton, Pa., wounding the cashier and a customer and escaping with \$2800. Astounded by the spectacular robbery, the police began a man hunt for the bandit.

Two weeks later Hohl was placed under arrest at the home of the Ormsby girl in Salem, Ohio. He was found guilty of the robbery and confined in a jail at Hallsburg, a few miles from the home of his sweetheart.

Hohl remained in jail just seven days, then he escaped. How he managed to break away the police never learned. A guard was detailed to watch the home of the Ormsby girl. Despite this precaution, however, Hohl returned to Salem a week after he had made his escape and disappeared with the girl.

Within a few days the police in every large city were asked to search for the couple. A reward of \$1000 was offered for the capture of the girl alone.

Reappearing with startling suddenness a few days ago Hohl was the principal figure in the most sensational day of crime in the history of Cincinnati. Stealing an automobile he robbed a branch of the Provident Savings bank and escaped with \$7600 in daylight. An hour later he "shot up" the Liberty Savings bank, stole \$3500, and again escaped.

After scouring the city the Cincinnati police were put on the trail of the bandit by a man who recognized Hohl from a description at a rooming house. Hohl was wounded and died.

The reward for Hohl's arrest was canceled when he died, but the reward of \$1000 was offered again for the capture of the Ormsby girl.

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He was instructed, he said, by Professor M. B. Kurtz that he was passing out virus pigs to the plant, with only two organs infected. He was, he declared, told to mark some "No. 1" and some "No. 2." He declared that he knew personally of eight or ten hogs that reacted positively to the tuberculin test, but which had been sent to the butcher.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—William Haas, senior member of the firm of Haas Brothers, wholesale grocers, who was tried to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court for refusing to answer questions before the grand jury, was exonerated this morning before Federal Judge Hooley. The court dismissed the order against him. Haas had declined to tell what he knew of the purchaser of \$47,000 worth of provisions with which the steamship Olson & Mahoney was freighted. The vessel subsequently was not allowed to sail.

This morning U. S. Attorney John W. Preston informed Judge Hooley that Haas had revealed to him the desired information and further that he had received word from Washington that the merchant's action had not been considered a violation of neutrality.

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## INQUIRY INTO HOG SCANDAL DEMANDED

Merchants' Exchange Puts the  
Evidence Into Hands of  
Hynes.

"In no later and time and time again, there is absolutely no danger from these hogs. The best proof of this is that hundreds of us who have eaten them are still alive and happy."

"Whatever orders I delivered to the men at the serum laboratory I delivered in transmission from Professor C. M. Haring," Professor J. F. Mitchell.

"I am preparing a letter that will demand of the district attorney immediate investigation, by the grand jury, of this cholera-infected hog scandal. The exchange will not act, but will urge that the county's legal officers do."—Wither Walker, secretary Merchants' Exchange.

Demanding a grand jury investigation and offering evidence of men employed at the University of California hog cholera serum laboratory as to the selling in Oakland of meats declared to be infected with the disease, the Merchants' Exchange has placed the entire evidence brought before its directors last night and other data gathered from its officials, before the district attorney and will urge that a spirited fight be waged against any alleged wrong doing on the part of the authorities and others.

This action followed a series of sensational charges brought last night by employees of the University of California's serum laboratory, the aftermath of the charges recently brought before the police in connection with the alleged sale in Oakland of infected pork. The incident last night was presided over by Robert Robertson, president of the exchange.

Joseph Williams, Clifford Kendall, bookkeeper at the University plant; O. Lampusch, Louis Schafer, owner of a fertilizer plant, and several others, testified.

E. A. Young, former president of the Exchange who was in trouble with the Oakland health authorities in connection with charges of bringing unhealthy hogs to Oakland, was active in the discussion, declaring that Oakland's meat inspection was a farce and retelling his old troubles which, after a report adverse to him by Chief of Police W. J. Peterson, were thrown out by the city council.

Joseph Williams Sr., an employee of the University plant, living at 7335 Hamilton street, declared that he had been instructed by Dr. J. F. Mitchell, acting head of the plant, that he was to "fix" it if he talked about the disposition of hogs sold or sent to butchers from the plant. He declared that 95 per cent of the hogs were sent to H. C. Steinbeck, a local butcher. Steinbeck's testimony is that he slaughtered these hogs on a commission basis and knows nothing of their condition.

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Delay in delivery accounts for this offer. It is an immense shipment from New York, embracing a rich assortment of handsome patterns, Roman stripes, Persian silk and Oriental designs made up in the latest flowing open end style.

These ties were made and figured on to sell at \$1.00 each. Owing to the lateness of delivery we offer them at 65c EACH ON THIS LAST DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

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NEWSIE HUSTLERS  
IN JOYOUS MOOD

Army of Youngsters on Quiver  
for Hotel Oakland Banquet  
Tonight.

Being "hustlers" in everything else, Oakland's newsboys will be the first to greet Santa Claus, their official introduction taking place this evening in the ballroom of the Hotel Oakland, when 250 "punks," or "news-jacks," or "home-sweeps" and various other classifications of the newsboy family will be the guests of the hotel at a Christmas dinner and jinks.

Tickets for the dinner were distributed last night at the hotel itself by Gerald Beaumont, under the guidance of a newly formed committee, which passed upon each applicant. A police detail was on hand, but was not needed, as the youngsters behaved in an orderly fashion, and there was little confusion. "Scotty" Bernheim, Manager of the hotel, declared that the dinner was a success.

Additional numbers secured for the entertainment of the youngsters this evening after the dinner include the charming comedienne, Miss Minnie Allen, and the Fairy English Trio, who will bring down from the Orpheum Theatre as soon as their act is through. Loren and Lovell, singers of 100 songs, who will come from the Pantheons, and the Christmas Carolers from St. John's Church. In addition, there will be newsboy acts, the hotel orchestra, Master Thomas Barker at the piano and the "Red Hot" Quartet.

Mayor Frank H. Hall and Chief Peterson will be among the honored guests, who will include many well-known citizens. City Attorney Ben Weather will be toastmaster. Gerald Beaumont will serve as master of ceremonies.

Further contributions of autos came today from C. E. Nettleton, one car, A. W. Leavitt Company, three Oakland cars.

matter without comment. How he has been ill for several weeks and has been in the hospital for some time by reason of his condition.

Victor H. Metcalf, former secretary of the navy, is the first officially elected head of the Chamber of Commerce-Commercial Club (consolidated), the new organization growing out of the old Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club.

M. H. King is first and A. S. Lavenson second vice-president. The election was harmonious in every way.

Following the election of the new officers the directors, elected by the membership some time ago, drew lots for the one, two and three-year terms. The officers and the terms of directors, as issued by official statement following the meeting, are as follows:

President, Victor H. Metcalf. First vice-president, Joseph H. King. Second vice-president, A. S. Lavenson. Treasurer and repository for one year, First National Bank.

Secretary and managing director, Joseph E. Caine. Finance committee—W. H. Welby, Jules Abrahamson, T. B. Bridges, A. H. Irving and F. A. Leach Jr.

Directors, one year term—Jules Abrahamson, R. A. Forrester, C. F. Gorman, A. S. Lavenson, V. O. Lawrence, Dr. Loren Pease, W. H. Welby.

Directors, two-year term—T. B. Bridges, G. W. Hatch, O. E. Hoile, A. H. Irving, Henry Lachman, V. H. Metcalf and Dr. George C. Pardee.

Directors, three-year term—D. L. Aronson, Joseph H. King, E. A. Leach, Jr., D. E. Perkins, A. W. Phillips, C. L. Smith and Curtis Wright Jr.

URGENT NATIONAL PARK. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A Colorado collection headed by Governor Aronson, Gov.-nominee Carlson and Senator Shaffroth today urged the House lands commission to act favorably on the bill to create a Rocky Mountain National Park out of 360 square miles now a forest reserve in Colorado.

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# AS HARD TO SELL THE YANKS AS IT WAS WITH SEALS

## "Biggest Deal in Baseball" Is Still Holding Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Colonel Jacob Ruppert, Jr., and Captain Tillman L. Huston arrived in New York today and at 10 a. m. conferred with Frank J. Farrell, chief owner of the New York American League baseball club to arrange the final details for their purchase of the

club. Colonel Ruppert announced before his meeting with Farrell that the deal had not been closed and that it was now "all up to Farrell." He indicated that he expected there would be no hitch, however.

Farrell said: "Up to the present time we still own the club and will own it until we are paid our price. That's all there is to it. We had nothing to do with what happened in Chicago. We merely have set our figure and are waiting."

A new baseball park, patterned after the home of the Chicago American League club, and costing \$425,000, exclusive of the site, will be built for the New York Yankees at the new location.

B. B. Johnson, president of the league, said Colonel Jacob Ruppert, Jr., and Captain T. L. Huston, the prospective purchaser of the club, already had the property on which to build. The park, it is planned, will seat 40,000 persons. 5000 more than any other plant in either of the major leagues. It will be erected within two years. It was said.

The belief is general that "Wild Bill" Donovan has been agreed upon as the new manager, and that the needed help in the way of playing material has also been secured.

The players involved are thought to be Rhea, Boston; High and Pipp, Detroit; and Mills, St. Louis. These men probably will be transferred for moderate cash considerations and Donovan will be given a chance to figure on trades for players after he takes hold of the reins.

The price for the franchise and players' contracts already held by the club has been given as about \$420,000.

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## NEW CENTURY RIDERS TO RACE SUNDAY

With weather favorable, the New Century Wheelmen will hold their annual

Midwinter ride minus handicaps bicycle race at the stadium next Sunday afternoon. The weather is too warm to write for outdoor training, the riders are keeping in trim on the rollers or home trainers. B&W handicaps will be allotted to the limo riders and liberal handicaps to the back markers while Hans Orlt will likely be the bare scratch rider.

: Rhodes, Leslie Drury and Welch will be the back markers in front of Orlt. The entries are open only to New Century riders as it is a club affair and entries

The second annual Fillmore street hill climb on bicycles is slated for New Year's day under auspices of the C. A. C.

## SANTA CLARANS

SAN JOSE, Dec. 23. — Arthur Comstock, trainer of the University of Southern California athletes and the man who has eloped Fred Kelly, the great slayer, is to coach the track squad of the University of Santa Clara. Negotiations have been completed with Comstock by the Santa Clara athletic authorities, it was announced yesterday.

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Gras), Sauce Périgueux,  
Punch au Kirsch,  
Chocolate Salad au Chapon,  
Roast Turkey,  
Chestnut Dressing,  
Cranberry Sauce,  
or  
Yeast Soufflé, Apple Sauce,  
Pommes Chateaux, Green Peas,  
Special Mince Pie,  
Plum Pudding,  
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## DEAD SEVENTEEN YEARS, HIS NAME REAPPEARS

CARSON CITY, Nev., Dec. 23.—With the thermometer registering 9 degrees below zero, Jack Frost returned the name of William "Bill" Owsley, who has been dead seventeen years, on the big front window of the building in which he formerly conducted a saloon. The trading remained open for hours and the old timers were reminiscent and the superstitious were.

"After Owsley died the building was transformed into a store and his name removed. When the heavy frost attacked the window and covered it with a sheet of white the letters of the old saloonkeeper's sign remained. It is thought the use of chemicals to remove the letters protected the outline and caused the phenomenon."

## MAY GO ON RELIEF SHIP.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—Governor Donald West has been invited by the Belgian relief committee to accompany a relief ship which will go from the Pacific coast to the war stricken country. The governor said he felt it his duty to adjust his affairs and go and promised a definite answer in a few days.

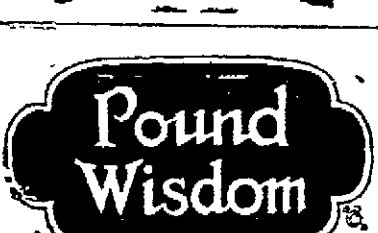
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## DETECTIVE STORY MAY SAVE WOMAN

She Appeals to Author for Scientific Aid in Proving Color.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Arthur R. Reeve, creator of "Craig Kennedy," the detective, who solves the most baffling mysteries through advanced scientific agencies, declared his belief today that it is perfectly feasible to determine whether one is Caucasian, Mongolian or African through a single drop of blood.

A letter is understood to be on its way to Reeve from Mrs. Alma Little of Detroit, who has been sued for divorce on the ground that she is a negro, appealing to him to assist her in proving that she is of "white" blood. Mrs. Little's appeal is based on "The Taint of Death," a story Reeve wrote some time ago, in which he incidentally touched on the theory that racial tendencies are revealed through the blood. Mrs. Little therefore is asking Reeve to turn fiction into fact.

"It can be done—in this case," said Reeve today. "I have not heard from Mrs. Little yet, but if she does make her appeal to Craig Kennedy that expert will simply take a drop of her blood, allow it to crystallize and then put it under the microscope after the method of Dr. Edward T. Reichart of the University of Pennsylvania. His test, I feel certain, will establish quickly to what race she belongs."

## TURN TO FICTION.

Reeve took down the volume, "The Dream Doctor," which is a collection of the Craig Kennedy stories recently produced, then turned to the story "The Taint of Death."

Here is the quotation to which Mrs. Little probably has reference. Dr. Reichart, explaining a case to his friend and he said:

"There is a blood test so delicate that one might almost say that he could identify a criminal by his very blood crystals—the finger prints, so to speak, of his blood. It was by means of these hemoglobins, if I may call them so, that I was able to get on the right trail. The fact is that a man's blood is not like that of any other living creature. Blood of different men, of men and women differs. I believe that in time we shall be able to refine this test to tell the exact individual too. What is the principle? It is that the hemoglobin of red coloring matter of the blood forms crystals. This has long been known, but working on this fact, Dr. Reichart and Prof. Brown of the University of Pennsylvania have made some wonderful discoveries."

## RACIAL DIFFERENCES.

"We could distinguish human from animal blood, it is true, but the discovery of these two scientists take us much further. By means of blood crystals we can distinguish the blood of man from that of animals and in addition that of white men from that of negroes and other races. It is often the only way of differentiating between various kinds of blood. The variations in crystals in the blood are in part of form and in part of molecular structure, the latter being revealed only by means of the polarizing microscope. A blood crystal is only one two thousand two hundred and fiftieth of an inch in length and one-ninth thousandth of an inch in breadth, and yet, minute as these crystals are, the discovery is of immense medico-legal importance. Crime may now be traced by blood crystals."

All this was fiction, in which Reeve at the time he wrote his story, was anticipating the experiments which Dr. Reichart was then conducting.

"It is a fact now," said Reeve today. "and I recommend that Mrs. Little turn to Dr. Reichart. I understand he has completed a series of experiments which conclusively will enable him not only to distinguish between individuals by his blood tests, but also to determine from a drop of blood the parents of any given child."

## CHARGES BARBARISM IN EXPULSION FROM JAFFA

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The expulsion of Hebrews from Jaffa was accompanied by many acts of barbarism and robbery according to a special cablegram yesterday from Cairo, Egypt, to the Chicago Daily News. The story says that six hundred refugee Hebrews from Jaffa have just arrived at Alexandria on the Italian steamer Viento Florida, and added yesterday afternoon. Bedouin police raided the ghetto (at Jaffa) arrested 1600 persons and drove them at the point of the bayonet to the quay. Here the Florida was forced to receive as many of them as could be crowded aboard. Scenes attending this operation were horrendous.

"It was after nightfall and harbor police and boatmen stole all the watches and money the refugees were carrying. They tore rings from the fingers and even earrings from the ears of women and girls and the harbor rang with shrieks and frantic pleas. Children were separated from parents and husbands from wives."

"Several of the men, resenting the brutality to their wives, were thrown overboard by boatmen and drowned before the eyes of the women."

"The old Hotel Metropole at Alexandria and other hotels have been closed for the refugees by several wealthy Jews. Many of the refugees are nearly mad with apprehension for the fate of thousands of relatives and friends whom there was no room aboard the Florida. It is feared that this is only the beginning of Turkish atrocities. There are rumors of more peaceful Russian Jews in Palestine."

## SHOT WITH OWN PISTOL.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 23.—Jack White, who was shot during an I. W. W. riot at Tonopah recently, was shot again last night at Tonopah with his own pistol. According to reports received here Robert Lee Stegal, a gambler, entered the home of Mrs. Minnie Abbot, an I. W. W., where White dined. White drew a pistol and in the scuffle with Stegal White was shot. White will die.

## YOUTH ELECTROCUTED.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 23.—Sergio Ruzselski, 18 years old, was electrocuted at the state prison last night for the murder of Pasquale Salterano in Somerset county. Ruzselski fired a shot, intending to kill another man whom he claimed he had been engaged to kill. The court of pardons refused to interfere with the death sentence.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE: DIPHTHERIA.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 23.—Because of an epidemic of diphtheria all the public schools in Hoboken were ordered closed until January 4. More than 100 cases of the disease have been noted this month.

## HIGHWAY TO LINK TWO EXPOSITIONS

Contract Let for Tejon Pass Crest, Road to Be Finished by May 22.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23.—Assurances that automobile travel between the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and the Panama Canal Exposition at San Diego would be carried over the State Highway was given yesterday through the letting of a contract for 14½ miles of road on the crest of the Tejon Pass to the Los Angeles. The contract, which is nearly the last link of highway between Bakersfield and Los Angeles, must be finished in 150 days, or by May 22. This means before the middle of next year a state concrete highway 650 miles long will connect the two exposition cities, cutting off about 70 miles from the present valley route over the Tehachapi Pass.

## DELAYED BY DIFFERENCES.

On account of differences over rights of way and financing, the work on the coast route has been delayed considerably. And that line probably will not be finished until late in the year. With the completion of the valley route, however, the highway will reach with few interruptions from the Oregon to the Mexican line. Construction is also being rushed in the Sacramento valley.

The contract awarded the Le Moor Construction Company is for 14½ miles at a cost of \$303,572.40. Besides shortening the route between Bakersfield and Los Angeles 70 miles, the Tejon Pass route has been surveyed with a maximum grade of 5 per cent and curves with a minimum radius of 50 feet.

Another large contract on the State Highway was awarded in Shasta county between Hornbrook and Yreka to E. J. Johnson of Portland, Ore., comprising 16.9 miles of grading at the probable cost of \$108,470. A section in Orange county, 5.5 miles near San Juan Capistrano, was awarded to the M. R. Construction Company of Los Angeles for \$25,500.80. Awards in Sutter, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties were postponed because of lack of funds.

## AWARDED OAKLANDER.

Colusa's most important contract on the State Highway, 8½ miles, between Williams and Colusa, was awarded to C. W. Cross of Oakland. The cost of the work will be \$97,190.

The Highway Commission passed resolutions accepting short units of State Highway as completed in Contra Costa, Alameda, Kern, Riverside and San Mateo counties.

A unit of roadway 12.6 miles in length in Butte county between Nelson and the city of Chico was declared to be State Highway, and bids will be called immediately to be opened about the first of the year. This piece of roadway will cost about \$150,000 for labor alone, the state furnishing the material.

## INDICTED FOR GIRL-SLAYING.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 23.—After being in session more than a week the Douglas county grand jury last night returned an indictment charging Roy Edmund of Glendale with second degree murder as a result of investigation growing out of the finding of the charred body of 15-year-old Edna Morgan in the ruins of a barn recently burned on Cow creek. Edmund was placed on trial last evening on an indictment charging a statutory offense. The selection of the jury was made last night. The murder trial will follow the present trial immediately, the district attorney said last night.

## POSTOFFICE BUSINESS DOUBLED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Christmas business at the Chicago postoffice is nearly double the amount of last year, according to an announcement today by Postmaster Daniel Campbell. Parcel post packages totaling 635 tons were shipped out last Sunday and Monday, as against 372 tons on the corresponding days last year. The figures established a new local tonnage record for outgoing packages.

## BANKER INDICTED.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Dec. 23.—Percy L. Lawrence, president of the First National Bank of Crowley, La., was indicted last night by a federal grand jury on a charge of embezzlement of funds of the bank amounting \$60,000. He was placed under \$10,000 bond by Judge Boardman.

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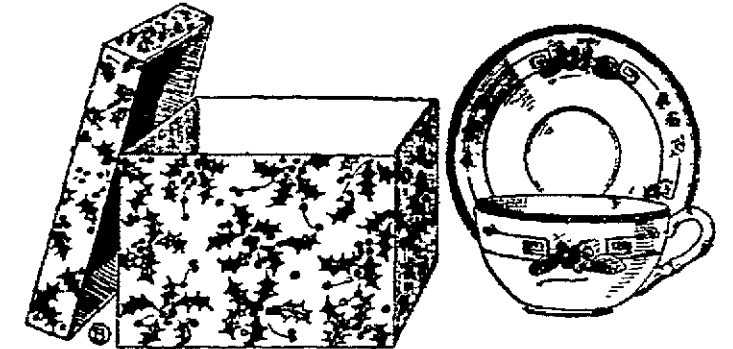
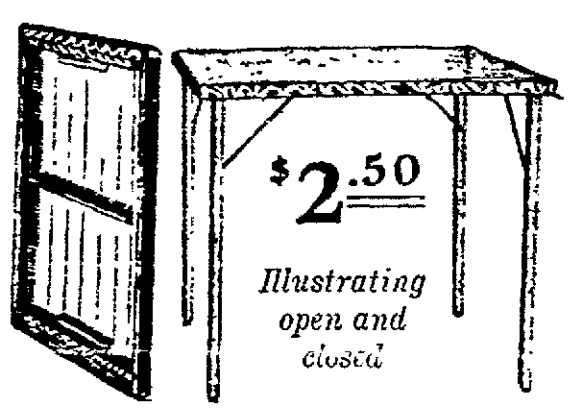
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## "WE MUST BE SWISS," NOTHING BUT SWISS"

PARIS, Dec. 23.—"Private sympathies in Switzerland are varied," said Dr. Giuseppe Motta, the new president of the Swiss Confederation, in an interview with the correspondent of the Petit Parisien at Berne, "but we must be Swiss, nothing but Swiss."

"That attitude is the only one which can serve our interests and the cause of Europe. The three races which make up our nation are working in the closest union with this end in view."

"After certain hesitation, the German-Swiss, whose minds work less rapidly, and the French and Italian-Swiss, who are more easily influenced by sentiment, have closed ranks around the national idea that from whatever quarter an aggressor comes, if he should come, he will be the enemy for all Swiss and immediately the Swiss army will enter into line with those who already fight against that enemy."

## ONE KILLED, ONE HURT IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Dec. 23.—Engineer Reagan of Rawlins was killed and the fireman injured yesterday morning, when Union Pacific passenger train No. 19, Pacific Limited, crashed into a derailed freight train about four miles west of here. None of the passengers were seriously injured.

## LONG HASN'T JOB.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—City Attorney Percy V. Long, whose name has been mentioned for a place on the State Water Commission, stated yesterday that he had received no indication from Governor Johnson that he would be appointed. By giving up the position of City Attorney, which draws a salary of \$6000 a year, for a place on the water commission, Long would lose \$1000 a year. He, however, would be given a larger sphere of activity along lines in which he is very much interested.

## REPORT BOMBARDMENT THREAT BY U. S. CRUISER

NAPLES, Dec. 23.—The captain of the steamer Capri, which has just arrived from Hodeida, reports that the American armored cruiser St. Louis threatened to bombard that port when the French consul was arrested and ill-treated. The Turks, however, threatened that in such an event they would massacre all foreigners. For this reason Hodeida was not bombed.

## AVIATORS HURT.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Lieutenants Smith and Latham of the United States naval aviation corps were injured yesterday in a bad automobile crash in the south of France. Both were severely injured. Lieutenant Latham was caught under the car and suffered a deep scalp wound. Both are in the American hospital here, but are in no danger. Both have made many air flights without mishap and consider air traveling safer than by motor cars.

## OAKLAND BOOSTERS TO LEAVE NEW YEAR'S EVE

Details are complete for the trip of the Oakland boosters to the south for the opening of the San Diego exposition and the Pasadena flower tournament. The trip, which was arranged by the Progress and Prosperity Committee as a boosting plan for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, will leave Oakland New Year's eve, when the "Owl" train will bear the Oaklanders to Pasadena, where they will arrive January 1. The train will be parked at Pasadena for a day while the Oaklanders are visiting there, and will then bear them to San Diego, where they will participate in the exposition celebration on January 2. They will return to Oakland Sunday, January 4.

The arrangements are in charge of the following committee: C. F. Gorman, chairman; E. C. Kayser, J. P. Jordan, George Meson, J. W. Phillips and H. W. Barnard. In no danger. Both have made many air flights without mishap and consider air traveling safer than by motor cars.

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